Tanong ng Bayan/ A16
Garcia at ibang heneral: Court-martial o civil trial?
Win a 21" TV! Text 2910 now!

■ Across / A13
NBI exec fired over Cebu lawyer's slay case

■ Sports / A20
Red Sox avert sweep; Astros tie Cardinals

■ World / A8
Mahathir says Bush cause of Muslim tragedies

■ Business / B1
Tax perks coverage cut to 10 industries

■ Lifestyle / C7
Dr. Brady Barr goes to Isabela to wrestle RP croc

World crude prices hit peak of $55.33/barrel

SINGAPORE—Crude oil prices yesterday surged to a new high above US$55 per barrel as uncertainty swirled over production, high demand, and tight global supplies ahead of the Northern Hemisphere winter.

Crude for November delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex) hit a peak of US$55.33 per barrel around noon in Asia,

WORLD CRUDE/ A14

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Listen, 'it's beautiful to be alive and deaf!'

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

A MIME tells a story with her face and hands.

At first, her face mirrors fear, ignorance and confusion. Slowly, it changes to excitement, understanding and, finally, joy.

It's a scene from a video with the subtitle: "It's beautiful to be alive and deaf!"

LISTEN/ A4

email: feedback@inquirer.com.ph
Tuesday, October 19, 2004 ★★ ~~44~~ 48 pages / 3 sections / vol. 19 / no. 314 P18
website: www.inq7.net

Garcia keeps mouth shut

General invokes right to silence

By Carlito Pablo and Fe Zamora

AT LEAST 20 times, Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia invoked his right to remain silent.

Facing the nation for the first time yesterday in a televised standing-room-only congressional hearing, the man alleged to have amassed tens of millions of pesos in unexplained wealth dodged questions about his assets.

Garcia's silence seemed telling enough. It was so telling that House Minority Leader Francis Escudero was provoked into asking him point-blank if he was protecting other people.

"You have claimed no less than probably 30 or 50 times your right against self-incrimination," Escudero said, sounding exasperated. "For the record, sir, are you protecting your right against incrimination or the interests of others to be incriminated"?

Garcia stammered with his reply: "Your Honor, I would like to make it clear that I am invoking my right against self-incrimination."

It was the first time that the general, who had allegedly brought about P44 million into the United States the past 11 years while living on a salary of P37,000 a month, had agreed to appear before the House committees on defense and banks.

The committees, which had held three previous hearings without Garcia honoring their invitation to appear, were looking into allegations of corruption in the Armed Forces.

At one point during the hearing, Garcia squelched reports that he could be a state witness.

Asked by Rep. Allan Peter Cayetano (NP, Taguig-Pateros) if he had any plans to apply for the status of state witness, Garcia said: "I am not applying to be a state witness. I have nothing to testify."

Before invoking the right-to-silence mantra over and over, the suspended former Armed Forces comptroller told the lawmakers: "With due respect, I would like to answer the question before the Ombudsman, the Court of Appeals and the military court."

Try as they might, congressmen failed to elicit specific replies from Garcia regarding his supposed wealth, which exploded into a scandal after news broke that US customs authorities last December had confiscated $100,000 in cash from his two sons upon their arrival in San Francisco, California.

Frustrated at every turn, the

GARCIA KEEPS/ A4

WORRIED and defiant. Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya and Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia are a study in contrast as they undergo grilling by members of the House defense committee investigating corruption in the military Monday. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

He also owns resort, mango farm, school

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau
and Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

ONE NEED not look far in investigating Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Garcia over his alleged ill-gotten wealth.

His family has pieces of real estate in the hometown of his wife Clarita in Dumangas, Iloilo. The assets worth at least P16 million include a farm resort, a caregiver school and a mango plantation.

In Baguio City, as many as four parcels of land are in the name of Garcia and his children.

The City Assessor's Office (CAO) said it had found four houses and lots under the names of Carlos Garcia, Carlos F. Garcia, Carlos R. Garcia, and Ian Carl, Juan Paulo and Timothy Mark Garcia.

Ian Carl, Juan Paolo and Timothy Mark are the sons of the embattled former comptroller of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Ricky Tactay, assessment officer of the CAO, said that he was not sure if the "R" in the Carlos R. Garcia was an "F" in the original papers. He said the CAO was going to further check the records of the property.

If all the lands and houses in the name of Garcia in Baguio were indeed his, then he has real estate with a total land area of 2,500 sq. m. valued at more than P2.65 mil-

HE ALSO/ A4

'J-6 releases funds only with OK of chief of staff'

By Carlito Pablo

HE MIGHT not have seen combat before but, on the stand, he looked burly enough—and he appeared to be dropping hints that, with what he knew, he could take down a lot of guys with him.

Beleaguered Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia, former deputy chief of staff for comptrollership (J-6) of the Armed Forces, told legislators at a congressional inquiry into alleged military corruption that he was merely the custodian of AFP funds.

"J-6 releases funds only with the approval of the chief of staff," Garcia said.

He made the statement while AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya was seated next to him.

"J-6 cannot release funds without the approval of the chief of staff," Garcia stressed.

He explained that the AFP General Headquarters was managed by 11 directors. Each director, except J-6, is allocated funds, based on the approved yearly budget of Camp Aguinaldo.

These are J-1 for personnel; J-2, intelligence; J-3, operations; J-4, logistics; J-5, plans; J-7, civil military operations; J-8, training; J-9, AFP modernization; J-10, reservists, and J-11, communications.

Garcia said that J-6 was the custodian of all AFP funds and what it did only was to release

J-6 RELEASES/ A4

PNP Director General Edgar Aglipay and another police officer salute the remains of Supt. Manolo Martinez at a Manila morgue. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Manila police colonel shot dead in ambush

By Leila B. Salaverria

HE HAD just begun his day when five men ended it for him—in a burst of gunfire.

Police Supt. Manolo Martinez, 54-year-old newly appointed commander of the Sta. Mesa police station, had just stepped out of his car at the station's parking lot at 9:15 a.m. yesterday when the assassins showered him with bullets.

Three other people, including another policeman, were wounded in the attack. A group calling itself "Partisano" claimed responsibility, accusing Martinez of treating protesters violently.

"*Patay na, patay na, halika na* (He's dead, he's dead, let's go)," bystanders quoted one of the gunmen as saying, according to the police.

The gunmen also threw a hand grenade in the parking lot but it did not explode.

Martinez, who used to head the Sampaloc police station, had been at the forefront of confrontations for the past year between police and demonstrators attempting to march on Malacañang and the Supreme Court.

MARTINEZ PDI PHOTO

Communist spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal denied that the New People's Army rebels were behind Martinez's

MANILA/ A14

Gambling pits bishop vs bishop

By Blanche S. Rivera

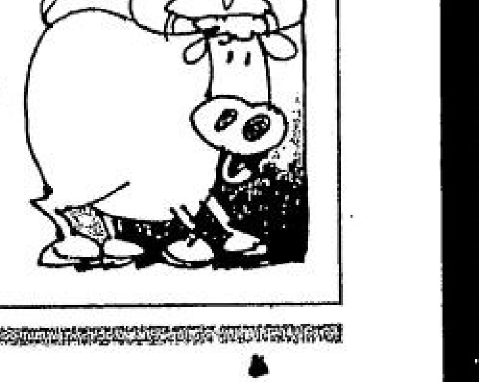
IS GAMBLING immoral or not?

Feuding Archbishops Capalla and Cruz should use their consciences as a guide or just toss a coin.

Pangasinan Archbishop Oscar Cruz, head of the Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng, said that pastors raising funds from the spoils of gambling lords and operators represented the erosion of moral values.

"Gambling is wrong and can never be right whatever the justification. Robin Hood makes a good story

GAMBLING/ A5



ANO BA YAN! PATI SIMBAHAN KAPIT NA SA PATALIM ?

Palace fears Congress failure to pass tax bills

By Gil Cabacungan Jr., Carlito Pablo and Christine O. Avendaño

MORE WORRISOME than failing to pass the 2005 proposed national budget is the inability of Congress to deliver on its commitment to President Macapagal-Arroyo to pass at least two tax measures before the year ends, Malacañang said yesterday.

"We can live with a reenacted budget but what we think is bigger or more important is for Congress to pass the revenue measures being pushed by the administration," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in an interview with dzRB.

Senate President Franklin Drilon said Sunday that Congress would reenact for the second year the 2003 national budget because it would not be able to pass by the end of the year the proposed national budget of P906.7 billion for 2005.

Ms Arroyo is banking on her administration allies in Congress to pass her legislative reform agenda to address the fiscal crisis and avert a crisis in investor confidence as credit rating agencies have warned of a downgrade if no new taxes are approved before the end of the year.

A lower credit rating would make it more expensive for the country to borrow money overseas and to pay interest.

Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. (LP, Camarines Sur), chair of the House appropriations committee, said the tax measures must precede the budget bill because several programs for 2005 were "predicated on new taxes."

"Without the tax measures, the

PALACE/ A5

Second FRONTPAGE

E-mail: pr_news@inquirer.com.ph

Text us your feedback: inquirer news name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Extreme Northern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao including Palawan will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.
SOURCE: PAGASA

COMPILED BY: RAY LEYESA, PDI RESEARCH/10/19/04

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
Baguio	Partly Cloudy	Roxas	Cloudy with Rains
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	Cebu	Cloudy with Rains
Laoag	Partly Cloudy	Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Partly Cloudy	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Public works exec who incriminated self fired

By Armand N. Nocum

OMBUDSMAN Simeon Marcelo has affirmed his decision dismissing Public Works Undersecretary Salvador Pleyto, who inadvertently declared in his motion for reconsideration assets that he did not include in his Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth.

In a 13-page order dated Oct. 13, Marcelo said Pleyto's motion for reconsideration provided the Office of the Ombudsman with a "trove of evidence against himself cementing the findings of his guilt of dishonesty."

"A long line of landholdings respondent admits to be owned by him and his wife by title cannot be accounted for as declared in respondent's (SALN) in question, much more shown therein as acquired through legitimate means," Marcelo said.

Pleyto filed the motion on June 30, two days after Marcelo signed an order dismissing him from the service for grave misconduct and dishonesty because he had failed to declare in his 2001 and 2002 SALNs pieces of property valued at P16,686,643.20.

In its order, the Ombudsman said that although Pleyto had declared a net worth of P4,584,553 and P5,956,219.25 in 2001 and 2002, respectively, his bigger asset of P16 million was placed in the name of his children —Russel, Mary Grace and Salvador Jr.

"Pleyto's three children are actually the former's unexplained wealth since all of them have no substantial income to show that they have the capacity to have lawfully acquired" assets worth millions of pesos, Marcelo said.

The assets included a commercial building and a lot with an acquisition cost of about P500,000 in the name of Mary Grace; a 632-sq. m. lot valued at P1.8 million in the name of Russel, and a P187,880 lot in the name of Salvador Juan Pleyto Jr.

The Pleytos were also found to have made numerous trips abroad, with Pleyto and his wife making 17 trips since 1995. The trips were said to have cost the Pleytos about P3,700,000.

"It is clear, therefore, that in trying to explain how the subject properties were acquired by (Pleyto) and his wife, the former only managed to demonstrate that he had been habitually misrepresenting under oath the full extent of his real acquisitions, which only serves to highlight his dishonesty," Marcelo said.

He said the motion for reconsideration provided "much proof" of Pleyto's "habitual dishonesty."

But Pleyto cried harassment, saying that it seemed that the Office of the Ombudsman was bent on turning him into a "sacrificial lamb" for its "selective and vindictive lifestyle check program."

"It is throwing the book at low-ranking officials while dragging its foot in cases involving the astronomic rise in the assets of ranking members of the Cabinet," he said in a telephone interview.

Pleyto was alluding to Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes, whose assets rose from less than P10 million in 2002 to P18 million in 2003.

Malacañang had quickly come to the defense of Reyes, however saying it would not make him a sacrificial lamb. The Office of the Ombudsman and the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission also said they were not investigating Reyes.

Compared to Reyes, Pleyto said his net worth from 2001 to 2002 increased only by P1.3 million.

"Woe to government officials who are not Cabinet secretaries or are not close to Malacañang. We are the sacrificial lambs of the lifestyle check program," said Pleyto, noting that no member of the Cabinet has been suspended or removed from office for graft.

He vowed to bring the case to the Court of Appeals.

Pleyto accused the Ombudsman of disregarding facts and documents pointing to his financial capacity to acquire his assets.

In his motion for reconsideration, he said the more than P6 million increase in his assets could be explained by his declared liabilities of P6.5 million.

In addition, the annual income tax returns of his wife Miguela showed that she had a successful piggery, poultry, lending investor and pawnshop businesses, Pleyto said.

Crame cop killed in Lipa City

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—A policeman assigned to the Traffic Management Group in Camp Crame, Quezon City, was killed by three unknown assailants in Lipa City Monday morning.

Senior Supt. Don Montenegro, Batangas police director, said PO2 Bernardo Amazona, 43, was shot dead on St. Martin Street in the Villa de Lipa subdivision, Barangay Maraouy, at around 10 a.m. by gunmen on board a Mitsubishi L300 van.

Amazona was from Barangay Kinalaglagan, Mataas na Kahoy in Lipa City, but lived with a partner in the subdivision where he was killed.

Police said Amazona's partner, identified only as Eva, had alighted from the victim's car to buy something at a store when the suspects attacked.

Amazona was rushed to the Lipa Mediatrix Medical Hospital where he expired at around 11:30 a.m. from several gunshot wounds. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

CHINESE VISITOR
President Macapagal-Arroyo welcomes Wu Guangzheng, a member of the standing committee of the political bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, to Malacañang yesterday. Introducing Wu is Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. VAL HANDUMON

Guingona stops House hearings on sin taxes

By Carlito Pablo

THE SON also rises—former Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr.'s, that is—in Congress.

Neophyte Rep. Teofisto Guingona III (LDP, Bukidnon) yesterday succeeded in blocking what he decried as the "railroading" of tax measures by "Malacañang's Rasputins."

Guingona stopped the House ways and means committee from further conducting hearings on the so-called sin taxes for tobacco and alcohol products.

"Sneaky, a fast one, an attempt for a one-two-three," Guingona said of the hearings.

Guingona pointed out that the ways and means committee had no authorization from either the House plenary or the committee on rules to conduct hearings during the congressional recess.

Congress went on recess on Sept. 24 and would be back on Oct. 25.

"It (hearing) was highly irregular, a railroading by Malacañang's Rasputins," Guingona said.

He said that before the recess, the House plenary had authorized only the committee on appropriations to hold hearings on the proposed 2005 national budget.

"If they (ways and means committee members) want to talk, then they can do so but it would not be on official record," Guingona said.

He said he was not against efforts to speed up the passage of tax measures because of the current fiscal crisis, "but this must be done through the right process."

Ways and means chair Rep. Jesli Lapus (NPC, Tarlac) was forced to concede that the panel could not conduct official hearings.

"This is not an official hearing. But we can still go on (unofficially)," Lapus said.

He said over the weekend that his panel would wrap up deliberations on the sin taxes before the end of October.

Congressmen were previously deadlocked on how to increase the taxes on sin products, particularly tobacco.

Rep. Herminilando Mandanas (LP, Batangas) and Rep. Florencio Noel (party-list An Waray) are pushing for a uniform increase of taxes on all cigarette brands.

Mandanas proposed an increase of P6 to P10 in taxes per pack of cigarettes depending on their classification.

Noel, for his part, wants to replicate the system in most Asian countries in which all brands are taxed uniformly. His proposal was for a P6 tax increase per pack regardless of the brand.

Another bloc of congressmen is pushing for the return of the current specific tax system for tobacco to the ad valorem system which is based on price.

Nene: Where will gov't get dep't transfer funds?

By Michael Lim Ubac

AMID the likelihood of a reenacted budget next year, the Senate opposition wants to know how much the transfer of line departments to the provinces would cost the government.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. yesterday asked Malacañang to clarify if the moves would be funded under the proposed 2005 national budget, or (in case of a reenacted budget) if the government had the funds and other resources to implement it.

Pimentel said that beginning next year, the Palace would relocate the Department of Agriculture to Davao City, the Department of Tourism to Cebu City, the Department of Agrarian Reform to Iloilo City, the Department of Public Works and Highways to Bicol, and the Department of Transportation and Communications to the Clark Special Economic Zone in Angeles City.

The transfer plan is in line with President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to move government departments out of Manila to speed up countryside development.

Land Reform Secretary Rene Villa said the plan was a "calculated gamble ... to pump prime local economies."

But Pimentel, chair of the Senate committee on civil service and government reorganization in the last Congress, believed that such a move was "ill-timed" with the government strapped for cash to pay for the enormous expense the transfers would entail.

"While the intention of the plan may be good, which is to decongest Metro Manila, the public is entitled to know how the government will implement it and what are the advantages and disadvantages of the plan," he said.

Pimentel pointed out that the cost of constructing a new DOT building in Cebu City alone was estimated at between P200 million and P300 million.

"Can the government afford the cost of the transfer considering that it does not even have enough money to hire additional school teachers, to pay contractors of the DPWH, to pay the disability benefits of war veterans, and to pay the retirement and disability packages of policemen and soldiers?" the opposition senator said.

He said the plan to transfer the departments appeared to have been "haphazardly drawn up judging from the intensity of the resistance of the rank-and-file employees who have begun holding mass protests."

But the more important issue that must be resolved is not whether the employees are in favor of the transfer but if it is in the best interest of the country, the senator said.

He also doubted the legality of the transfers because of the absence of an appropriate law and the Palace's failure to consult Congress on the plan.

"The transfer may be legally untenable and indefensible considering that even the matter of changing the name of a hospital, street, school or town cannot be done without an enabling law enacted by Congress," he said.

Aside from the funding needs, Pimentel also wanted the Palace to shed light on the following issues related to the transfer plan:

- How will the government address the problems that the affected employees will face, especially when they are uprooted from their homes and communities?
- Will the removal of the line departments from Metro Manila not inconvenience the public which transacts business with them, aside from making coordination among the various departments and agencies difficult?

Petron hikes gas prices

AFTER holding off on increasing the pump prices of its gasoline products, industry leader Petron Corp. followed the footsteps of its competitors and hiked prices by 35 centavos per liter at 12:01 a.m. today.

"This is due to the higher crude and gasoline import prices," company officials said.

Petron, one of two remaining oil refiners in the country, imports almost half of its gasoline to enable it to comply with the stringent requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

Currently, no oil firm in the country is capable of producing CAA-compliant fuel.

Fellow refiner Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and finished product importers Caltex Philippines Inc., Total (Phil.) Corp., Seaoil Petroleum Corp., Flying V and Eastern Petroleum Corp. all raised the prices of their gasoline by the same level Monday last week.

These firms likewise increased the prices of their diesel and kerosene by 45 centavos a liter.

A day before that, new player Unioil Petroleum Phil. Inc. jacked up its gasoline, diesel and kerosene prices by the same level as its competitors.

Since the start of the year, gasoline prices have risen 11 times by a total of P6 a liter, while diesel prices have gone up 12 times by a total of P5.70 a liter. *Abigail L. Ho*

United Auctioneers, Inc.
TRUCKS, VANS & HEAVY EQUIPMENT
3 DAY PUBLIC AUCTION
INSPECTION & REGISTRATION ON-GOING
OCTOBER 21, 22, & 23, 2004
(THURSDAY FRIDAY & SATURDAY)
Sale starts at 8:30 AM SHARP!
Catch The Best At
SUBIC BAY
INSPECTION DATES: OCTOBER 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2004
(SUNDAY TO WEDNESDAY)
REGISTRATION DATES: OCTOBER 17 TO 23, 2004
(SUNDAY TO SATURDAY)
ALSO AVAILABLE: LOCALLY ACQUIRED VEHICLE
LOCATION MAP
SUBIC
BLDG. 1455 ARGONAUT HIGHWAY, SUBIC BAY FREEPORT, PHILIPPINES
TEL NOS: [047] 252-1129 252-1155 to 58
FAX NO: [047] 252-5569
MANILA TEL NOS: [02] 9297868 • 9205501 • 426-3908 • 453-7470 • CEL NO. 09178088824
FAX NO: [02] 929-0260 E-MAIL: info@uauctioneers.com WEBSITE: www.uauctioneers.com

Despite appeals, GMA stands firm on population policy

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is not wavering in her hands-off policy on population control despite fresh appeals from the country's leading businessmen to stem the tide of runaway population growth.

"The President has made known her stand that she respects the right to life and [supports] a population policy based on responsible parenthood and informed choice," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a briefing.

Bunye said the President had not changed her mind on her population control policy and that "any change of policy would have to come from the President herself."

The country's most influential business leaders—SGV founder Washington Sycip, Ayala Corp. chair Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Makati Business Club chair Ricardo Romulo, First Philippine Holdings Corp. chair Oscar Lopez, former Prime Minister Cesar Virata and Philippines Inc. chair Miguel Varela had come out with newspaper ads appealing to the President to tackle the country's population problem on a national level rather than through local government units.

The business leaders warned that failure to curb the rapid population growth would place a heavy burden on the country's ability to feed and educate the 18 million Filipinos born every year.

The business leaders batted for the government distribution of non-abortive family planning aids, such as contraceptives, to poor Filipinos to address the high population growth rate.

But the President had repeatedly rejected artificial birth control methods in keeping with the Church's stand on the issue.

Navy deploys terror patrol

THE PHILIPPINE Navy yesterday deployed an antiterrorist task force to patrol resort islands as well as strongholds of al-Qaida-linked Moro extremists.

Dubbed "Stingray," the force consists of a US-built patrol boat, two 24-meter gunboats, a small airplane commonly used in searches and two Navy teams.

The patrol, which will provide visibility for antiterror efforts, is expected to react quickly to any attack, Navy spokesperson Capt. Geronimo Malabanan said.

Its deployment came after officials announced last week that the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group was behind an explosion in February that killed more than 100 people on board the SuperFerry 14 in the country's worst terrorist attack.

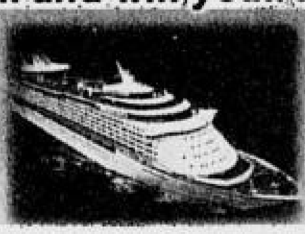
Security of ships and shipping lanes from terrorists and pirates, as well as natural disasters and accidents, has been a huge concern in the archipelago nation.

The Navy patrol will be deployed in Western Mindanao, near the Abu Sayyaf's strongholds in Sulu and Basilan. The antiterrorist task force will also patrol Cebu and Palawan, the country's main tourist destinations, Malabanan said. *AP, Alcuin Papa*

Win a Lifestyle
RAFFLE PROMO
Get a chance to pick and win your dreams!

☐ Drive a brand new Honda Jazz (Type A - Manual Transmission)

☐ Representation only Half a million (Php 500,000.00) Shopping Spree at Rustan's Department Store



☐ Caribbean Cruise Getaway 7 nights for two plus USD 1,000 pocket money

☐ Representation only Half a Million (Php 500,000.00) Jewelry Shopping at Miladay

SO HURRY! Freshen up with a brand new lifestyle at HCG today!
Promo runs from **September 23, 2004 to January 31, 2005** only.

This photo was taken at THE SPA, Bel-Air

Simply buy HCG products. For every Php5,000.00 worth of items, you get one raffle stub. This entitles you to grab your chance to choose and win the lifestyle you want.

Watch out for the following raffle draw dates and wait for our announcement of winners.

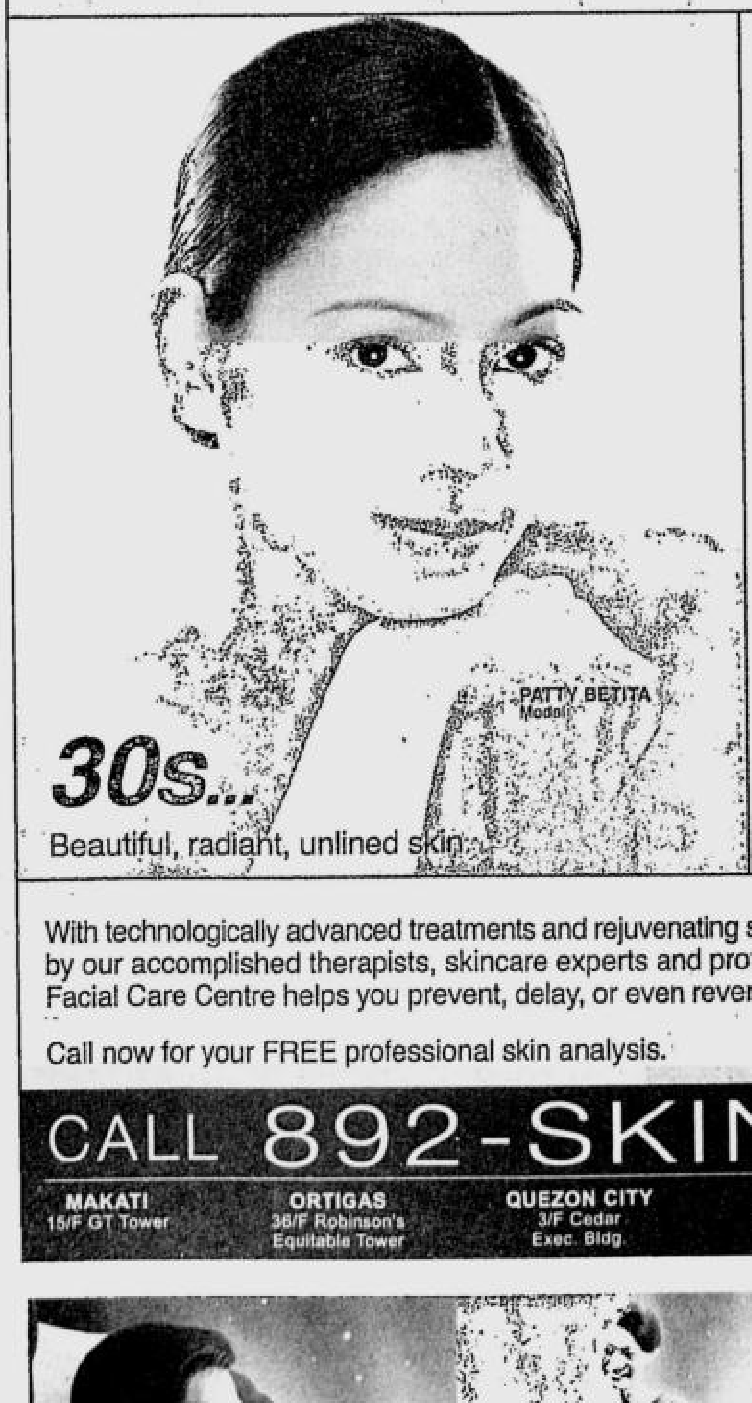
Cut-off Period (Raffle Coupons of Customers)	Schedule of Draws
September 23-October 31, 2004	Monday, November 15, 2004
November 1-30, 2004	Wednesday, December 15, 2004
December 1-30, 2004	Saturday, January 15, 2005
January 1-30, 2005	Tuesday, February 15, 2005

HCG Bathroom Beautiful See posters and leaflets for details. HONDA Rustan's Royal Caribbean International miladay jewels Per DTI-NCR Permit No 2097, Series of 2004

NORTH LUZON • APCO Hardware Telefax (074) 300-3440 • Bataan Commercial Enterprises Telefax: (047) 244-5018/244-6815 • DCW/1010 Hardware (047) 224-1068 Fax# 224-6050 • Hicres Builders Center (045) 322-1367/888-2060 Telefax:322-1308 • Interior & Beyond Telefax(074)417-0800 Kambal Construction, Cabugao, Ilocos Norte 0917-568-0236 (077) 728-5136 • Kambal Hardware,San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte (077)771-4477 • LC Construction Supply, Inc.,(047) 431-2091 Fax# (047) 638-1027 • Modern Home Furnishing (0917) 511-3015 • Multi Point Resources Inc., 364-1219 Fax# 364-2732 Noble Workers Telefax#.(045)888-8850 • PFC Builders Center (075) 515-3210/515-2275 Fax #: 517-5481-82 • Philippine Topwood Industries (072) 242-0471/888-2007 Fax# (072) 700-0223 • Filco-Dagupan (075) 515-5006 • T & T Home Improvement Center (044) 463-7430 Fax# (044) 463-3501 CSI Hardware Plus (075) 523-5429 Fax# (075) 515-5203 • Judeco Builders (075) 568-2850 Fax# 568-2858 • PFC Home Improvement (075) 517-4554 • Jurolens (075) 515-5215 • PFCO Builders (075) 551-4014 • CJF Builders (075) 635-1023 • RAI Strong Builders Supply (078) 652-2814 • NS Rivera Hardware & Construction (045) 885-0158 • Vigan New Bom (077) 722-2744 **NCR** • Galaxy Cement Center/Herco Trdg. 936-3452/938-0249/938-8593 Fax# 452-8330/936-3462 • ACG Builders-Shaw 532-1001/531-0888 Fax#. 531-0885 • Gerbera Enterprises 733-7419 to 21 • Maxillo Merchandising 524-2043 to 44/521-5518 to 21 Fax# 524-2035 • New Hi-Alonzo Builders Supply Telefax: 733-0983 • Ortigas Hardware Center, Inc 631-4059 Fax# 634-3059 • Pedros Construction Supply 733-7344/733-7360/733-7363 Fax# 733-7351 • TOG Hardware 202-2554 to 55 Fax# 294-0460 • United Distributing Corporation 816-7093/3216/3526 Fax#: 852-3677/844-8347 • Wilcon Builders Supply, Inc. 921-3342/926-1504 Fax#926-4239 • WBS Builders Depot, (Depot I) 809-7356/ (Depot II) 362-8279/ (Depot III) 638-4912 • Marenid Enterprises 682-1786 Fax# 681-4056 • Homeplus Builders 874-2015 • Ortigas Home Depot Telefax: 683-0823 AsiaLandstar Telefax. 853-7880 **SOUTH LUZON** • AC Home Builders & Tile Center Telefax (056) 211-1037 • Belvedere Ent., Inc 820-4576/4023/820-8044 to 47 Fax# 820-4578 • Centerpoint Builders Supply (049) 821-0655 to 60 Fax# 821-0614 • Dasma Citywide General Merchandising, Inc. (046) 416-2624 / 416-0504/ 416-5590 Fax# (046) 850-4564 • Details Home Improvement Center (046) 505-3744 (Tanza) 503-0330 (Noveleta) Fax# 885-2258 • Empyrean Homebuilders & Mktg Corp (046) 434-7062 Fax#. 431-1964 • Filhome Builders Center 776-1051 to 53 Fax#; 776-1744 Fullwin (046) 472-1808 • Homestation (043) 300-1655 Fax# 300-0844 • Mclem Trading Tel. No. 532-94-58 Telefax. 532-89-17 • Legaspi Citihome Depot (052) 480-0299/480-6112 Fax# (052) 214-3036 • Sogo Builders Supply 874-5351/871-2443 Fax#. 871-2451 • St. Peter Hardware Telefax (042) 373-7465/373-6297 • Tiles & Tilemates Builders Center Telefax: (046) 430-1929/436-1924 • Viva Tiles Center (054) 473-7032 Fax#: (054) 472-0250 • Homebase Builders Center Corporation (049) 970-5070 • Cathy Builders Center Inc. 842-1312/833-6122/ 671-1892/926-9757 • Tesalonica 847-8480 Fax#. 808-5793 **VISAYAS** • AM Trading Corporation (033) 337-1630/337-4265 Fax # (033) 335-0980 • Brodeth Marketing (053) 561-8610 Telefax: (053) 255-8181 • Budget Enterprise (048) 433-2124 / 433-4828 Fax # (048) 433-5018 • Cebu Atlantic Hardware, Inc (032) 261-4892 Fax # (032) 261-0075 • Cebuano Construction Supply (032) 346-2700/346-0778 Fax# (032) 346-2854 • Cebu Oversea Hardware Co., Inc (032) 254-1511 to 19 Fax#. 255-2420 Directline 254-2352 Citi Hardware (034) 4323942/43 (Bacolod) (032) 3438825 (Cebu) • Dy Home Builders, Inc. (034) 433-6696/435-1023 Fax# (034) 435-1202/432-0222 • G Centillo Trading Telefax: (038) 621-3728 • Globe Home Interior (032) 343-7582 Fax#. 343-7581 JC Liberty Development, Inc. (034) 312-5188 Fax# (034) 729-9691 • Multi L&A Ent./MoosiBrand Telefax (033) 335-1092 / 330-9224 Fax#: (033) 33-1092 • New Cosmos Hardware (053) 321-2129/325-5059 Fax# (053) 325-6165 • Pacific Home Depot Telefax. (034) 441-2067-68 Fax# (034) 441-2069 • Rejoice Home Ideas (035) 225-4885/225-8363 Fax# (035) 225-1836 • Solid Gold Builders & Home Depot Telefax: (034) 433-8773 • Tacloban Ultrasteel Corporation Telefax: (053) 325-9050 to 55 Cocina Y Bano (63)(32) 255-4255 to 58 Fax (63)(32) 254-5117 • Uymatiao Trading Corp. (035) 225-4521 Fax#: (035) 225-4784 • Cebu Homes & Builders Center (032) 343-0991 to 93 Fax# (032) 416-1991 **MINDANAO** • Citi Hardware (082) 297-7490/92 Dadiangas Buildex Center (083) 553-3008/301-8521/3018520 Fax# 552-0393/4897 • De Oro Pacific Trading Corporation (088) 856-1658 Fax#. 85-1059 • Decoarts Marketing, Inc. (082) 297-2023/296-0747/297-1867 Fax# 296-0233/296-0746 MM Marble Construction Supply (082) 221-1750 to 51 Fax # (082) 300-8008 • Mega Home Finishing Supply (065) 212-5032 Fax # (065) 212-3872 • MSL Builders & Home Depot (062) 992-5358 Fax#. (062) 992-0908 • Home Design (083) 228-5468 Fax # (083) 228-9568 Dipolog Home Finishing Center Telefax: (065) 212-8008 • Ozamis Solid Enterprise (088) 521-0712 Fax# (088) 521-2148 **RETAIL** • Ace Hardware, Inc. 831-8000 Telefax#. 834-0534 • Ceramic Plaza, Inc/Federal Hardware 893-1054/893-1663/893-1690 Fax# 893-1675/812-3925 • Cobonkal Builder's, Inc Telefax 851-6910 • Coby's Design Center 636-4895 Telefax. 636-4896 • Handyman Inc 416-7098 Fax# 395-5260/395-0104 • MC Home Depot 893-3070/636-6944 to 45/815-3702 Fax#: 812-9426/634-2390/815-4760

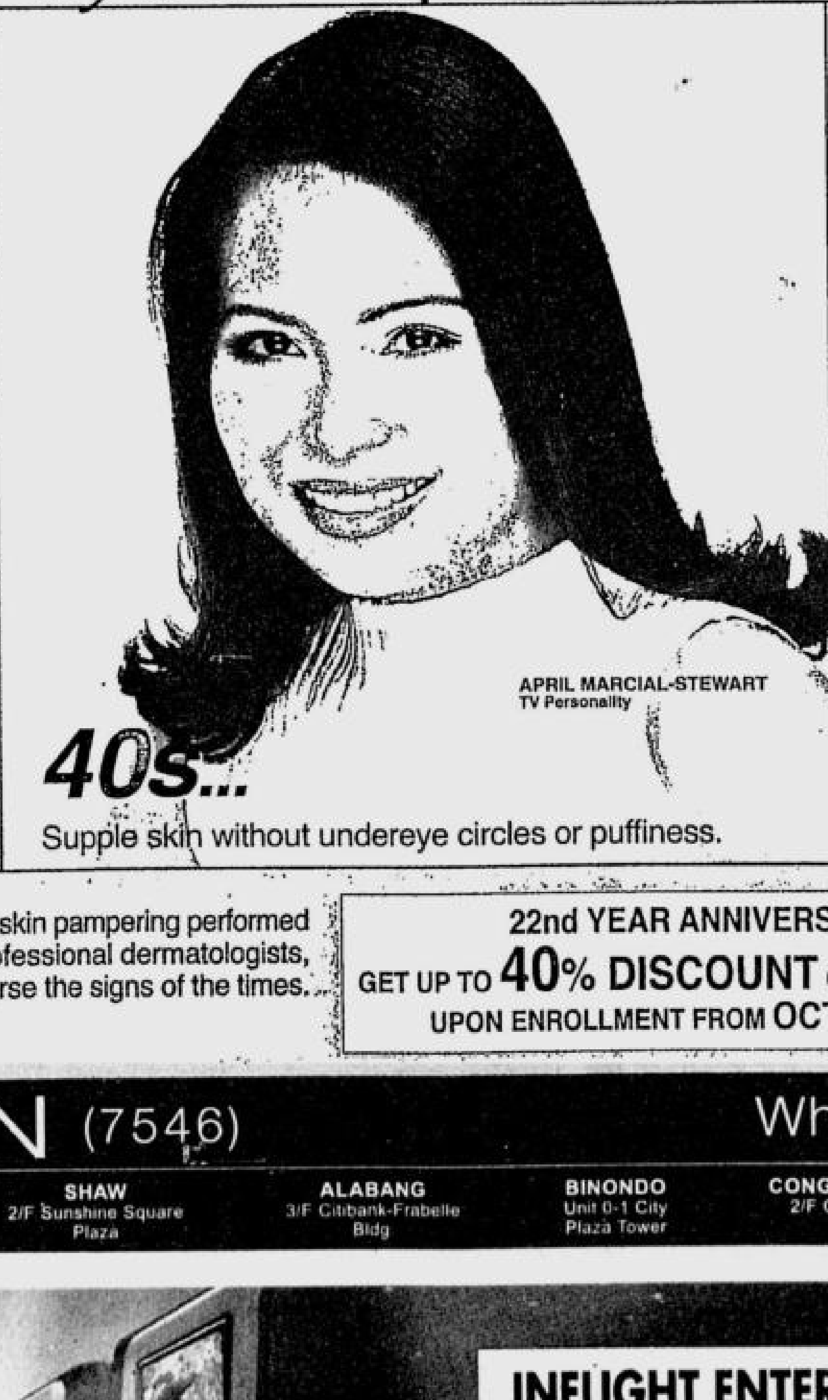
Hocheng Philippines Corporation
CERTIFICATION INTERNATIONAL
ISO 9001:2000

Beautiful Skin at Any Age
by the Professionals



PATTY BETITA
Model

30s...
Beautiful, radiant, unlined skin.



APRIL MARCIAL-STEWART
TV Personality

40s...
Supple skin without undereye circles or puffiness.

OCHE GOLEZ
University President

40s & Beyond
Firm, even-toned skin, with no age spots or sunspots.

With technologically advanced treatments and rejuvenating skin pampering performed by our accomplished therapists, skincare experts and professional dermatologists, Facial Care Centre helps you prevent, delay, or even reverse the signs of the times.

Call now for your FREE professional skin analysis.

22nd YEAR ANNIVERSARY PROMO:
GET UP TO 40% DISCOUNT ON SELECTED TREATMENTS UPON ENROLLMENT FROM OCT. 18-23, 2004 ONLY.

Facial care centre

CALL 892-SKIN (7546) Where Beautiful Skin Happens
www.facialcarecentre.com.ph

MAKATI 15/F GT Tower
ORTIGAS 36/F Robinson's Equitable Tower
QUEZON CITY 3/F Cedar Exec. Bldg.
SHAW 2/F Sunshine Square Plaza
ALABANG 3/F Citibank-Frabelle Bldg
BINONDO Unit 0-1 City Plaza Tower
CONGRESSIONAL 2/F Q Plaza Bldg.
PAMPANGA TEL: 961-3404 3/F Dan's Mktg. Bldg
CEBU TEL: 233-7631 Unit 1203 Keppel Centre

www.singaporeair.com/ph

INFLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT YOUR COMMAND

Stop. Play. Pause. KrisWorld, the most advanced inflight entertainment system lets you do all these with Audio-Video On Demand in every seat in every class*. Now you can take full control of your inflight entertainment. This, of course, while enjoying the inflight service even other airlines talk about.

*Available on all MegaTop B747, Jubilee B777 Extended Range and A340-500 intercontinental services, and on selected Jubilee B777-200 and B777-300 services.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Garcia keeps mouth shut

From page A1

lawmakers then turned the heat on Garcia's superior, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya.

"He (Abaya) didn't appear shocked. It's as if the amount involved is only P5," said Cayetano, who made the observation after Abaya recounted what AFP General Headquarters did on learning about the December 2003 incident involving Garcia's sons.

Asked directly by Cayetano why he didn't seem shocked that a general had $100,000, or more than P5 million in cold cash, Abaya merely replied: "I would say it (the amount) was abnormal."

Cayetano pressed on, saying Abaya could have acted "more aggressively" than merely transferring Garcia in March from the post of AFP deputy chief of staff for comptrollership (J-6) to J-5, or the post of AFP deputy chief of staff for plans.

Cayetano said the AFP chief of staff should have registered a stronger reaction as graft and corruption in the military had been one of the major issues raised in the July 2003 military mutiny in Makati by more than 300 junior officers and enlisted men.

Abaya, however, noted later that the AFP leadership had reviewed Garcia's statement of assets, liabilities and net worth and determined that the general's declared assets did "not justify the cash."

Immune to anomalies

"He (Garcia) has no capacity for having his son bring such money (to the United States)," Abaya said.

Rep. Imee Marcos (KBL, Ilocos Norte) said that the military hierarchy had become "inured to anomalies" such that the public no longer expected any serious cleansing in the military ranks.

Marcos said that only a handful of officers were rotated in the major positions at AFP General Headquarters, particularly those concerning funds.

Abaya responded: "I don't think that's a correct statement."

Rep. Luis Villafuerte (Kampi, Camarines Sur), for his part, demanded a list of generals and colonels who had investments of at least P5 million in the AFP and Police Savings and Loan Association Inc.

Garcia was earlier reported to have withdrawn a total of P19 million from AFPSLAI.

Abaya said that while he chaired the AFPSLAI, he did not exercise operational control over the savings and loan association.

Golez moves in

The hearings had hardly begun when Rep. Roilo Golez (Kampi, Parañaque), chair of the defense committee, immediately put Garcia against the wall by asking questions about affidavits that Garcia's wife and sons had executed concerning the $100,000 seized by US officials.

That was when Garcia began to invoke his right to remain silent.

Golez told the general that he had been ill-advised by his lawyer with his insistence on refusing to answer questions.

But Garcia, who appeared with legal counsel Constantino de Jesus, did not budge.

One after the other, documents executed by Garcia's sons and wife Clarita, which sought to justify the Garcia sons' possession of $100,000, were presented by Golez.

One of the questions by Golez which Garcia refused to answer dealt with Clarita's affidavit in which she purportedly said her husband received gratitude money and other benefits from firms which had won military contracts. She also supposedly said that in her travels, she was provided with up to $20,000 for shopping and other expenses.

Elusive witness

Garcia would only say that the documents were in photocopies and that the signatures appearing there appeared to be the signatures of his wife and sons.

Garcia even refused to sign the documents to affirm that he recognized the signatures of his wife and sons.

Rep. Eladio Jala (Lakas, Bohol) said that if Garcia did not want to answer, the general could just provide the House committee with his legal briefs to be submitted to the Ombudsman.

Garcia said: "These (his cases) are still under litigation before the Ombudsman, CA and (AFP) Headquarters."

Garcia, however, said that he would like to "show courtesy and respect" to the congressmen by later submitting the documents to the House.

"I would be more than willing to furnish the documents," Garcia said.

Garcia cited ill health in refusing to testify previously. He was discharged from the University of Sto. Tomas hospital on Sunday and has been restricted to his quarters, under heavy guard, at Camp Aguinaldo.

Marcos, in a statement later, said a group of defense contractors and retired and active military officers were putting together a P50-million fund to stop ongoing inquiries into the ill-gotten wealth of AFP generals.

'Bribe and blackmail'

Marcos said she had "insider information" about these efforts to stop the probe of generals.

Marcos did not provide details except to say that P16 million had been raised so far for the "war chest."

"These people have started getting fidgety. They are making sure they have all the bases covered," Marcos said.

"The group has started dredging filth to bribe and blackmail people into silence. They have well-paid people now digging muck against potential key witnesses and even those leading the investigation," Marcos said.

Malacañang's stand

Malacañang yesterday conceded that Garcia could not be forced to incriminate himself at the congressional hearings.

"It goes without saying that the President would like the truth to come out but, of course, without prejudice to the exercise of legitimate rights by persons who are facing investigation," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a press briefing, when asked if President Macapagal-Arroyo had instructed the AFP to cooperate with the congressional inquiry.

Bunye said Malacañang respected the prerogative of the House to conduct an investigation of Garcia's alleged unexplained wealth.

"The general invoked a right which is provided for under our laws so I guess there's a way by which the legislators can arrive at the truth using other pieces of evidence," he said.

US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone said the investigation into alleged military corruption showed that "all the various elements of Philippine democracy are working." *With a report from Juliet Labog-Javellana and TJ Burgonio*

IN THE KNOW

Right against self-incrimination

THE RIGHT against self-incrimination is provided for under Section 17, Article III (Bill of Rights) of the 1987 Constitution, which states that "No person shall be compelled to be a witness against himself."

According to a former Supreme Court Chief Justice, the basic purposes of the right are (1) humanity or humanitarian reasons—to prevent a witness or accused from being coerced, whether physically, morally, and/or psychologically, into incriminating himself, and (2) to protect the witness or accused from committing perjury, because the first law of nature is self-preservation.

The right against self-incrimination is available not only in criminal prosecutions but also in all other government proceedings, including civil actions and administrative and legislative investigations. It may be claimed not only by the person accused of an offense, but also by any witness to whom an incriminating question is addressed.

The constitutional right may also be invoked in inquiries in aid of legislation being conducted by both houses of Congress because such congressional power is not absolute or unlimited, and is still restricted by the Constitution. It follows then that the rights of persons under the Bill of Rights must be respected, including the right not to be compelled to testify against oneself.

The privilege can always be invoked in all testimonial compulsion for as long as the question tends to incriminate. However, it cannot be raised against other compulsion. For instance a person may be compelled to submit to a physical examination of his body to determine his involvement in an offense he is accused of.

The right against self-incrimination may be waived either directly or by failure to invoke it. But the waiver must be certain and clear, and intelligently and willingly made. *PDI Research*

Drilon says he also has 'sleep apnea'

By Christine O. Avendaño

WHAT do Senate President Franklin Drilon, businessman Tony Boy Cojuangco and controversial AFP comptroller Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia have in common?

They all have a sleep and breathing disorder called "sleep apnea."

This information was volunteered by Drilon himself who told reporters yesterday that he had become an "expert" on the condition which he said he has managed to control.

But the Senate president refused to answer questions on whether or not it was enough reason for Garcia not to face House probers.

Garcia had earlier used his sleep apnea as an excuse not to face two House committees investigating his alleged hidden wealth.

"I don't want to debate with his (Garcia's) doctors," Drilon said.

He said he just wanted to relate his own experience.

Asked whether sleep apnea affected his work, he said: "You judge for yourself. You see me here. You throw me all kinds of questions everyday."

Drilon said he knew that Cojuangco suffered from sleep apnea, too.

He said sleep apnea affects overweight and short-necked people.

"Oxygen supply is hampered by your physique," he said. "So when you snore, the sound is an indication there is a block in your windpipe. (Snoring) indicates oxygen supply is not 100 percent."

To correct this, Drilon said he uses a "continuous positive air pressure machine" every night to ensure he would have "sufficient oxygen supply in the brain while asleep."

Another remedy to the condition is the removal of a portion of the back of the tongue of a person with sleep apnea. Drilon said Cojuangco had reportedly undergone this medical procedure.

'J-6 releases funds only with OK of chief of staff'

From page A1

funds based on requests by the other J chiefs with the "approval of the chief of staff."

Garcia stressed that J-6 did not disburse funds, meaning it was not involved in the actual expenditure of funds.

"We only release," Garcia said. "We don't have discretion."

When asked about conversion, or the alleged practice of some officers of pocketing money intended for the purchase of supplies and services, Garcia said the lawmakers should instead ask the J-4 because the logistics command was the one involved in procurement.

"The J-6 does not handle procurement documents," he said.

As to fund releases by J-6, Garcia said that these were "purely ministerial."

"The J-6 releases funds based on documents approved by the chief of staff and the program directors (the J officers)," he said.

Before Garcia went on at length to explain how funds were managed within the AFP, Abaya claimed: "I do not have control of funds in the AFP."

Abaya explained that the bulk of AFP funds, or 70 percent, were allocated to field units and these were released directly to the units.

Garcia appeared before the House committees on national defense and on banks in the general office attire of an Army officer.

His hair neatly combed, Garcia alternately looked calm and stoic during the hearings, and sometimes somewhat defiant.

Garcia arrived at the House at about 12:30 p.m. and walked to a holding room at the Mitra Building to await his summons.

He also owns resort, mango farm, school

From page A1

lion in the city.

The assets in Iloilo, which Garcia and his wife claimed to be among the sources of their income after he was investigated for unexplained wealth, are all losing money, according to audited financial statements submitted to the Western Visayas office of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Swimming pools, aviary

The couple's biggest asset is IJT Katamnan Corp., which operates a farm resort in Barangay Pulao in Dumangas town, 42 km northeast of Iloilo City.

Dumangas is the hometown of Garcia's wife Clarita Depakakibo-Garcia.

The 3-hectare resort, which is touted to be the first of its kind in Western Visayas, has various amenities, including a fishing lagoon, swimming pools, a children's playground and picnic areas.

It also has camping grounds, an aviary, butterfly farm, mango-picking grounds, function rooms and native-style cottages.

The resort was registered with the SEC on April 19, 2002 but started operating in November 2002. Its assets reached P15.3 million but it registered a net loss of P1,294,635.87 last year.

IJT International Caregiver Center Inc., located in Barangay Tabuc Suba in Jaro district in Iloilo City, was registered with the SEC on June 3, 2003. It started operating two months later.

The center offers courses in care-giving and review classes for medicine and nursing board examinations. Its total assets reached P1,032,496.95. It reported a net loss of P447,056.83 last year.

SEC records showed that another family-owned company, IJT Mango Orchard Inc., which was registered on Nov. 15, 2002, had no operational income last year.

The names of these assets were apparently taken from the initials of Garcia's three sons who, like their mother, are American citizens.

Holy Ghost Road

Tactay said the lots in the name of the Garcias were on Holy Ghost Road in the Quirino-Magsaysay subdivision and in Loakan, but only the assets in Loakan could be those of the general.

The lot owned by Carlos F. Garcia is on Demonstration Road, which was later named Cliff Drive in Loakan Proper.

The lot, with property index No. 102-06-018-05-108, is 1,000 sq. m. and has a unit value of P410 per sq. m. or a market value of P410,000. It was declared a Garcia property in 2001.

The house has an area of 213.5 sq. m. and has a market value of P1.182 million. It was declared a Garcia property in 2002.

The lot given to the sons is 260 meters from the road and is 1,000 sq. m.

Edna Rimando, chief of the records and statistics office of the CAO, said the remoteness and topography of the lots had reduced their market value.

The two lots apparently have a common neighbor, according to the boundaries given by the CAO. The property of Garcia is west of Lot No. 107 while that of his sons' is located east of Lot No. 107.

Padlocked

Garcia built a two-story, colonial-style house on the lot under his name.

The house, which was padlocked two weeks ago, according to a caretaker, has a gazebo and a trellis above the front door.

There is a separate structure on the left, which could be the garage or the guardhouse. The house reportedly has six bedrooms.

The property owned by a certain Carlos Garcia is a house and lot at 134 Upper QM subdivision. The residential lot has an area of 244 sq. m. with a market value of P200,080, while the house has a market value of P351,730. The house and lot were declared the property of Carlos Garcia in 2001.

The other property, this time under the name of Carlos R. Garcia, is a lot in Holy Ghost subdivision with an area of 246 sq. m. and a total market value of P56,580. On it is a small structure with a market value of P40,080.

Tactay said the property in Holy Ghost subdivision and the one in QM subdivision might not belong to the general.

Listen, 'it's beautiful to be alive and deaf!'

From page A1

"Deaf MTV: My Silent World" is a video-thesis made by Jamilla Angela Aquino, a recent graduate of De La Salle University-College of St. Benilde's School of Deaf Education & Applied Studies (CSB SDEAS).

Thesis adviser Giselle Montero likes to show the video to prospective students of the school and guests because "it tells what it's like to live in a silent world."

Founded in 1991, CSB SDEAS has evolved from offering courses that train students to become future teachers for the deaf, to providing relevant and multifaceted degree programs in Business Entrepreneurship and Multimedia Arts.

Through the years, CSB SDEAS has not only helped their graduates land good jobs, their students have found their voice in the multimedia arts. Through video, photography and computer graphics, they have found ways to express themselves and to reach out to other deaf people.

This year, the school has 15 Multimedia Arts students working on their theses. They could teach people who can hear a thing or two about their silent world.

Marybeth Porciuncula and Mary Joy Reyes have put together a video which encourages the deaf to change their bad habits and be more independent. In the video, a deaf student carelessly leaves his ID in the school canteen and takes off with his friends.

SDEAS director Christine de la Torre said this was typical among their students.

"When they're at home, it's OK for them to leave things because there's always somebody to pick up after them. In our school, you're supposed to be able to look after yourself," she said.

Silent prayers

Maria Annalet Uy is working on an interactive CD teaching deaf kids sign language. Uy herself taught her 14-year-old sister how to sign so they could communicate. She plans to teach her parents and her 9-year-old brother sign language as well.

Sheila Rago is making an interactive CD teaching pre-school deaf kids Math so they would know the basics even before they start school.

William Enriquez and Christine Ella Castañeda have produced a video which explains the meaning of the Mass, the Angelus and other religious concepts to the deaf.

When Enriquez and Castañeda started attending Mass, they had no clue on what was going on and nobody could explain to them the religious concept and context of prayer.

They are also preparing a video on the Angelus so the deaf could understand and participate in the daily prayer.

Rowena Garcia and Rhoderick Chua are working on a website and a video on the Filipino Sign Language.

Leah Osido is busy collecting stories of deaf people through photographs.

Her subjects include a 77-year-old former comfort woman who was abused during the Japanese occupation, an old married couple who argue with their hands, and a deaf child who's a Math genius.

Osido, who dreams of becoming a magazine photographer, said she chose her subjects for their courage and strength.

Communication gap

Montero related how a former student could not do the work despite his apparent talent. It turned out the student had difficulty understanding written instructions.

"Every day we would read and discuss the instructions. Now he has a job. He is a good artist," she said.

Employability in the mainstream, hearing work place is the ultimate goal of the courses and a challenge for CSB SDEAS Career Education and Placement coordinator Eric Soriano.

"In the past, we focused on their education without thinking where our deaf students would go after graduation. Now we realize it's one thing to find work for them and it's another thing for them to stay."

Out of 15 multimedia graduates last year, 11, including Aquino, have found jobs as graphic artists, website designers or legal encoders.

Although CSB SDEAS classes are conducted separately, its students are encouraged to interact with hearing students as early as their freshman year when they're made to mingle with all incoming students in the Freshman Orientation Program.

Empowering graduates

De la Torre said the faculty and students have come a long way since 1991 to bridge the gap between the deaf and people who can hear.

From 15 students in 1991, CSB SDEAS now has about 120 students.

The school has 26 faculty members, of which six are deaf and four are graduates of CSB SDEAS.

De la Torre said the school didn't just want their students to graduate and land jobs.

"We want to produce leader-advocates," she said. "We want them to believe in themselves and say: 'I am an empowered person. Yes, I am deaf but I can excel. Being hearing-impaired is not an issue.'"

Correction

IN THE OCT. 16 issue, a story on Page A17 of the Inquirer Visayas section—"Photographs, memories of liberation"—misspelled the name of a former press attaché of the US Embassy in Manila. The correct spelling is Frank Jenista—not Gesista.

* * *

Readers may send their requests for correction of factual errors in writing to Gerry Lirio, city editor, Philippine Daily Inquirer, PDI Building, Chino Roces Avenue corner Mascardo Street, Makati City; fax Nos. 897-4793/94; e-mail addresses glirio@inquirer.com.ph and daydesk@inquirer.com.ph.

Complaints about lack of fairness or objectivity may be sent to Raul Palabrica, readers' advocate, the same address and fax numbers as those of the city editor, and e-mail address rpalabrica@inquirer.com.ph.

Palace fears Congress failure to pass tax bills

From page A1

2005 budget would end up as an OPM or 'oh promise me' budget—long on commitments, short on cash," he said.

Halloween trick

Belying Drilon's claim that the House of Representatives could not approve the general appropriations bill before the end of the year, Andaya said the House would pass the 2005 national budget before the end of November.

He said the appropriations committee was holding four hearings a week to ensure the passage of the proposed budget.

"We look at the senator's warning that the bill will not pass as part of the Senate's traditional Halloween trick when it comes to budget-making," he said.

Andaya said that the Senate would receive the House version of the budget "ahead of our Christmas gifts to our colleagues there."

He pointed out that the delay in passing the budget would come from Senate as it could finish discussions on the bill only in February.

"If that's the case, then the 2005 budget will join three other General Appropriations Acts which were signed in February of the fiscal year," Andaya said, referring to the GAAs of 1997, 1998 and 2000.

He said that come January 2005, the 2004 budget would be "technically reenacted" until Ms Arroyo signed the new GAA by February.

"The government will not collapse ... if no budget law is approved on the first day of next year," Andaya said.

Hostage

House members said a reenacted budget would make Congress a hostage of Malacañang as the latter would have control over lump sum appropriations, particularly for infrastructure and other development projects.

"Malacañang can control us with a reenacted budget," said Rep. Eduardo Veloso (NPC, Leyte).

Under a reenacted budget, funds previously appropriated for projects will be converted into savings and placed under the control of Malacañang, according to Veloso.

Rep. Teofisto Guingona III (LPD, Bukidnon) said reenacting the budget would mean that funds previously allocated for specific projects like the construction of bridges and roads would "automatically become savings at the disposal of the executive branch."

"The same funds can now be converted for purposes that suit Malacañang," Guingona said.

Like the congressmen, Senate President Pro Tempore Juan Flavier said the failure of Congress to pass the 2005 national budget would work to the advantage of Malacañang and its allies.

"It is more to the advantage of the administration," Flavier told reporters.

The head of the Senate finance committee and the majority leader proposed that the chamber work during the Christmas holidays to pass the national budget by Dec. 31.

Overtime

Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. said his finance committee was willing to work overtime to avoid having a reenacted budget.

But both Villar and Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan acknowledged that the Senate could only work overtime during the holidays if the House would transmit to the upper chamber its version of the 2005 proposed budget by next month.

"If the House transmits their version by mid-November, we should be able to go overtime during the Christmas break, meet up to the 23rd of December, then meet again from the 26th to the 29th and pass the budget," Pangilinan said in an interview.

He said lawmakers would have to amend the legislative calendar to make this possible. Congress is currently on a monthlong break and is set to resume sessions on Oct. 25 until Oct. 29. It will resume sessions on Nov. 8 and adjourn on Dec. 17.

In a statement, Villar said the House should give its approved version of the budget by next month but conceded that "at the rate the chamber was going," it could only pass the budget by December or even January next year.

Villar also said the delay in the budget deliberations in the Senate "should not lead to a reenacted budget."

DFA budget

He reiterated his opposition to a reenacted budget, saying that this would allow the government to have a "free rein of the allocation of funds" that could cause people to speculate about it.

"Graft and corruption is now very much in the news again," he said. "The public is wary about issues like these again. We should avoid a scenario that will invite the people's suspicions like a reenacted budget."

For his part, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo asked Congress to pass the proposed budget for 2005, instead of reenacting the 2003 budget, hinting that prices were much higher now than two years ago.

Appearing before the House committee on foreign affairs last month, Romulo lamented that his department was being allocated 0.005 percent of the national budget "to face today's global challenges."

"To address the varying needs of over 7 million Filipinos overseas in at least 180 countries and on ships on every ocean, less than half of one percent of the budget is being allocated to us," he said. *With reports from Michael Lim Ubac and TJ Burgonio*

Gambling pits bishop ...

From page A1

but gives a bad lesson," Cruz, former CBCP president, said in a statement released yesterday by his Dagupan office.

Cruz made the statement after CBCP president Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla admitted that some bishops had referred indigents to the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. for financial assistance.

Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales said that instead of referring the poor to Pagcor, bishops could refer them to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

Is this any less impure? Pagcor operates casinos, telesabong and Internet gaming in the country. The PCSO, on the other hand, operates lotto and the sweepstakes.

In an earlier interview, Capalla said that while he appeared to have a double standard on gambling, his conscience was clear.

"It may look like I have double standards, but I disagree. What if a person is dying and he asks me for money? I don't have money, but I know somebody who can help. That somebody is a gambler. He is doing something that is not good. If I refer the dying man, does it mean I support the bad things the gambler has done or is doing? I don't think so," Capalla said last week when asked about his stand on accepting help from Pagcor.

"It's really a moral issue. I use my own conscience. Everyone has a conscience. It helps us decide what is right and wrong," he added.

Capalla said that the CBCP statements dealt with gambling in general, with jueteng and masiao in particular, because these two affected the poor most.

Cruz reminded Capalla of three pastoral declarations made by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines denouncing all forms of gambling:

- "We voice our concern and our opposition to the bills proposed to legalize gambling." (29 January 1972, T.V. Alberto, DD, president)
- "Many attempts are being made to legalize all forms of gambling even as casino and lotto are now legal. But again for us pastors, given the fatal lure of gambling to the Filipino psyche, the legalization of organized gambling in order to raise funds, even for development, is a form of demoralization—the gradual erosion of moral values necessary to a development-oriented work ethic such as diligence and industry, accountability and transparency." (28 January 1996, O.V. Cruz, president)
- "Gambling has become an insidious subculture of corruption that involves a shadowy network of powerful financiers, protectors and lords. It destroys moral values such as industry and hard work, accountability and honesty, integrity and justice. Gambling is never a moral virtue. It is a moral vice." (10 March 2003, O.B. Quevedo, president)

Cruz said that gambling was wrong whether it was legal or illegal.

"Whether it's done by the rich or poor, it's still gambling. Pagcor, jueteng or masiao for that matter—they are all moral aberrations, not virtuous operations. To covet the money of others by gambling is wrong. To launder gambling revenues by financing social projects is still wrong," he said.

BIO DYNAMICS
Our medically proven system that's guaranteed to give you the type of body you want in only 6 weeks or get your money back!

SLIMMERS WORLD

This week's special...

BUY 1 TAKE 1 FREE!

Promo valid on Weight-loss Programme, Exclusive Membership, Spa & Slimming Treatments, Skin Programmes, Skin Treatments and Dermacare Products.
Promo period from Oct. 18-23, 2004. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2511 Series of 2004.

NO MONTHLY DUES! NO JOINING FEES!

FITNESS HOTLINE 8873533 CELLPHONE 09178984744

SLIMMERS WORLD Face Skin & Cosmetic Clinic
SKIN HOTLINE 8871331
CELLPHONE 09164099312

FREE SKIN WHITENING on all Full Programmes. Only for callers today.
FREE CONSULTATION with our In-house Dermatologist.

BEFORE AFTER

PERMANENT LASER HAIR REMOVAL. At the lowest price in the Philippines.

BODY SCRUB. A pampering exfoliating treatment that leaves you refreshingly clean.

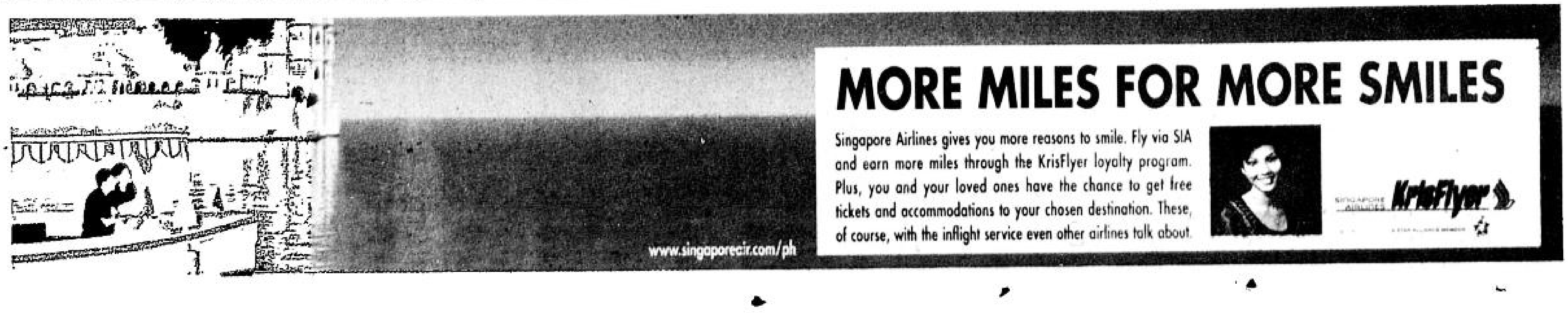
SKIN WHITENING. The ultimate body whitening programme for radiant, smooth skin.

OTHER TREATMENTS: ♦AQUAMID ♦BOTOX ♦RESTYLANE ♦PERLANE TREATMENT ♦ULTRAPEEL ♦WART REMOVAL ♦FACIAL ♦LASER ACNE ♦NUTRACELL-FACE

CALL US: www.slimmersworld.com.ph inquire@slimmersworld.com.ph

ALABANG Gemma/Breezy 2F RCBC Bldg. Zapote-Alabang Rd. 809-0396
BINONDO Thelma/Jannah 3F Regina Garden II 242-1312
CALOOCAN Sherry/Bheng 6F Panorama Bldg., Rizal Ave. 365-7653
CEBU Joanna Basement 1&2 Ayala Center 231-3254
GREENHILLS Bianca 27F Atlanta Ctr. #31 Annapolis 726-6505
LEGASPI VILL. Heidih/Grace GF Zeta Bldg. Salcedo St. 893-8935
MALATE Tin 6F Adriatico Square Adriatico, Manila 536-0619
MEGAMALL Sheila/Jenny 2F Bldg. A Mandaluyong 631-3869
PASAY ROAD Cher/Chiekoy 1032 Arnaiz Ave. cor. Hernandez St. 887-1335 09178515920
PASIG Joe/Muffet Restaurant Ave. Marcos Hi-way 681-5333
SM NORTH Mitch 2F Annex Bldg. Quezon City 929-5429

SKIN CENTER: ALABANG 7750586/09183912510 BINONDO 2420728/09178224399 GREENHILLS 7261526/09182112732 MALATE 5259891/09213173415 MEGAMALL 6377543/09162479753 PASAY RD. 8873530/0916532078

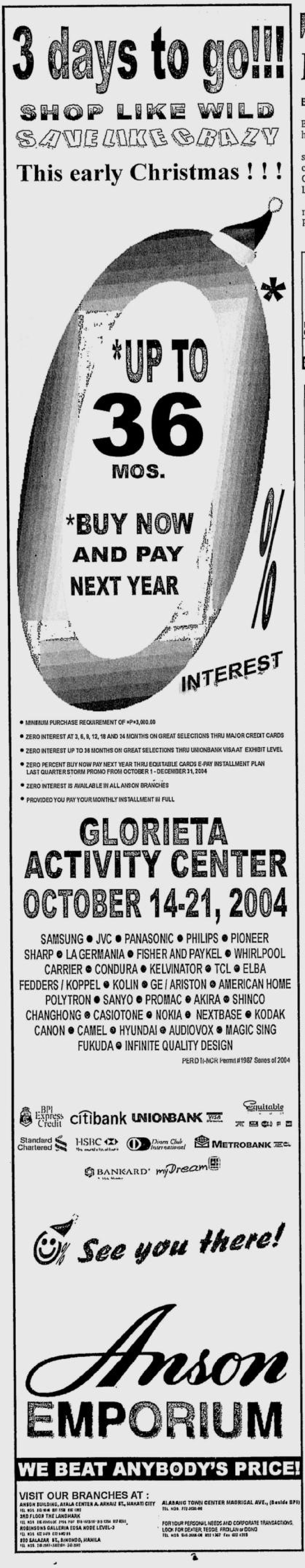


MORE MILES FOR MORE SMILES

Singapore Airlines gives you more reasons to smile. Fly via SIA and earn more miles through the KrisFlyer loyalty program. Plus, you and your loved ones have the chance to get free tickets and accommodations to your chosen destination. These, of course, with the inflight service even other airlines talk about.

www.singaporeair.com/ph

SINGAPORE AIRLINES KrisFlyer


3 days to go!!!
SHOP LIKE WILD
SAVE LIKE CRAZY
This early Christmas ! ! !
0%* INTEREST
*UP TO 36 MOS.
*BUY NOW AND PAY NEXT YEAR

- MINIMUM PURCHASE REQUIREMENT OF P3,000.00
- ZERO INTEREST AT 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 AND 24 MONTHS ON GREAT SELECTIONS THRU MAJOR CREDIT CARDS
- ZERO INTEREST UP TO 36 MONTHS ON GREAT SELECTIONS THRU UNIONBANK VISA AT EXHIBIT LEVEL
- ZERO PERCENT BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR THRU EQUITABLE CARDS E-PAY INSTALLMENT PLAN LAST QUARTER STORM PROMO FROM OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2004
- ZERO INTEREST IS AVAILABLE IN ALL ANSON BRANCHES
- PROVIDED YOU PAY YOUR MONTHLY INSTALLMENT IN FULL

GLORIETA ACTIVITY CENTER
OCTOBER 14-21, 2004

SAMSUNG ● JVC ● PANASONIC ● PHILIPS ● PIONEER
SHARP ● LA GERMANIA ● FISHER AND PAYKEL ● WHIRLPOOL
CARRIER ● CONDURA ● KELVINATOR ● TCL ● ELBA
FEDDERS / KOPPEL ● KOLIN ● GE / ARISTON ● AMERICAN HOME
POLYTRON ● SANYO ● PROMAC ● AKIRA ● SHINCO
CHANGHONG ● CASIOTONE ● NOKIA ● NEXTBASE ● KODAK
CANON ● CAMEL ● HYUNDAI ● AUDIOVOX ● MAGIC SING
FUKUDA ● INFINITE QUALITY DESIGN
PERD TI-NCR Permit #1987 Series of 2004

BPI Express Credit citibank UNIONBANK VISA Equitable
Standard Chartered HSBC Diners Club International METROBANK
BANKARD myDream

See you there!

Anson EMPORIUM
WE BEAT ANYBODY'S PRICE!

VISIT OUR BRANCHES AT :
ANSON BUILDING, AYALA CENTER A. ARNAIZ ST., MAKATI CITY
TEL NOS. [illegible]
3RD FLOOR THE LANDMARK
TEL NOS. [illegible]
ROBINSONS GALLERIA EDSA NODE LEVEL-3
TEL NOS. [illegible]
930 SALAZAR ST., BINONDO, MANILA
TEL NOS. [illegible]
ALABANG TOWN CENTER MADRIGAL AVE., (Beside BPI)
TEL NOS. [illegible]
FOR YOUR PERSONAL NEEDS AND CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS, LOOK FOR DEXTER, TESSIE, FROILAN or DONO
TEL NOS. [illegible] Fax [illegible]

Many students still can't read–DepEd

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

BACOLOD CITY—A big number of public high school students cannot read.

Education officials raised this alarm at the start yesterday of the three-day National Educators Congress at the Bacolod Convention Center to drive home their theme, "Building Literacy: A Collective Responsibility."

"Many of our high school students are still non-readers," Education Undersecretary for Programs Fe Hidalgo told a press conference.

A "non-reader" is someone who knows how to read but cannot comprehend what he has read.

"What's important is that the teachers recognize there's a problem so we can think of solutions. What we want to do is raise everybody's awareness," Hidalgo said.

Ideally, schools should make readers out of Grade 1 pupils.

But the Department of Education strongly suspects, based on field reports, that students in the higher grades and even high school were non-readers, Hidalgo said.

She said the DepEd had no exact figures on the number of public high school students who could be considered non-readers, but the dismal results of the readiness tests for incoming high school freshmen given in May and August served to indicate the extent of the problem.

Less than one percent of the 1.2 million incoming freshmen passed the 100-item competency tests on elementary English, Science and Math.

In fact, only 0.64 percent or 8,000 examinees scored at least 75 percent in the tests.

Hidalgo said the students failed mostly on items that required reading comprehension.

"That alone is very telling," she said. "They may be able to read but their comprehension is low. It could be as basic as following directions."

Hidalgo said the situation was the result of several factors, such as the limited resources in the public schools, malnutrition among the children and the poor training of reading teachers.

In his keynote speech, Education Secretary Florencio Abad reiterated what his predecessors had said.

"It pains me to report to you today what you and I all know—Philippine education is in crisis," he said.

Due to the large number of students it would have to deal with, the DepEd has set for itself the target of making pupils "fluent readers" by the time they complete Grade 3.

"Under normal conditions, all learners should be able to read by the end of Grade 1. This means that the learners had gone through pre-school, that teaching resources were adequate, the class sizes were 35 to 40 pupils, and the teachers were effective beginning reading instructors. (But) the situation in the schools may not guarantee this," Hidalgo said.

Another factor, she said, that hindered students from learning to read was malnutrition.

Undersecretary Juan Miguel Luz said almost all DepEd field offices had their own reading programs, but, unfortunately, it could not be determined if they were making any headway.

Restore your defective equipment at Affordable Cost!
We Specialize in LAPTOP & FAX REPAIRS
We also repair:
• PC's • Printer • Monitors
• Electronic Typewriters
• UPS • Shredders & Others
FOR MULTI-USERS AVAIL OF OUR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
Best in Customer Satisfaction Samsung Electronics AWARDEE
BUSINESSCARE S.T.C. Inc. Makati/Manila Ortigas Center
817-0977/817-0917/687-6425/687-4213

IWATA DURABLE & RELIABLE ALMOST 20 YEARS IN THE MARKET NOW
TIME RECORDERS, PROJECTORS & FANS
DIGITAL CLOCK
OPERATES DURING BROWN-OUTS
ANALOG CLOCK
P9,500.00 6-Col. Time Card
E2A • 2color ribbon, int/ext melody, operates during brown-outs
CW-1A P12,850 / CH-1A P9,300
LAMINATORS 12" - P6,350 / 15" - P7,950
HEAVY DUTY
HAND SEALER 8" - P575 4" - P470
IWATA-1E P4,895
IWATA INDUSTRIAL FAN
TEW PUSH BUTTON P3,850(S) P5,300 AUTOMATIC P6,200
RECHARGEABLE SPOTLIGHT 200,000 C.P. P899 500,000 C.P. P999 1 MILLION C.P. P1,099
14" FOOT SEALER P8,900
HEAVY DUTY 3 STEEL BLADES 30" Diameter P3,890
Sole Distributor COLENT ENTERPRISE CO.
Suite 200 Del Monte Mansion Bldg., Del Monte Ave. cor Speaker Perez St., Quezon City TELS. 740-3815,742-8139, 412-4317, 411-2395 to 98, 411-7157, 414-9890 Fax 411-2399 E-mail: colent@sli.com.ph

PABX SYSTEM
Enjoy our low monthly promo of P 2,000
Digital Stylish Keyphone System
Evertel Philippines Corporation
715-8114, 411-2100

Teachers' 'indifference' vexes education execs

BACOLOD CITY—Can't teachers tell anymore if there are errors in their textbooks?

Public school officials and teachers attending the annual National Educators Congress here showed a surprising indifference to the controversy over error-riddled textbooks.

Education Secretary Florencio Abad said he had expected to be besieged by questions and complaints on erroneous textbooks during the open forum at the three-day congress.

"I was surprised (the matter) wasn't raised because we want the involvement of the teachers. (We want them to) inform us about possible errors in textbooks," Abad told reporters afterward.

"Whether it was indifference or a lack of awareness, I can't say," he said.

Undersecretary Fe Hidalgo was also piqued by the teachers' seeming lack of concern.

An independent panel of historians had confirmed Marian School supervisor Antonio Go's claim that the history textbook for second-year high school students, "Asya: Noon, Ngayon at sa Hinaharap," contained numerous errors.

Go said the 316-page textbook had as many as 431 mistakes.

The historians from the University of the Philippines reportedly found numerous factual and grammatical errors, and errors of interpretation and translation.

Hidalgo said she had expected teachers to call her up when Go came out with his claim, but none did.

So Hidalgo called up teachers to seek their observations about the book they had been using for the last seven years.

She said the teachers she spoke to had no major complaints about the book, except for some "typographical errors."

Some of the teachers, she said, would hesitate over some paragraphs in the book, then would consult other reference materials and make the corrections.

Two division superintendents interviewed yesterday at the congress also were not concerned about the matter. They said that so far no teachers' complaints had reached them.

In contrast, many lawmakers, politicians and newspaper columnists had made a big issue of the erroneous textbooks.

Two newspapers in Japan and Singapore and a radio station in Australia also took up the issue.

The Asya textbook's publisher, SD Publications, was supposed to be among the exhibitors at the Educators Congress along with other textbook publishers. But SD Publications did not put up a booth.

At the end of the open forum, Abad took it upon himself to inform the teachers about the independent review undertaken on the Asya textbook as well as three other DepEd-approved textbooks that Go said also contained errors.

Abad assured the teachers that he had also ordered all textbooks being used in the public schools, some 100 titles, to be reevaluated by outside experts in light of Go's expose. *Dona Z. Pazzibugan*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Tuesday, October 19, 2004
29th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Eph 2:12-22
Gospel: Lk 12:35-38

Jesus said to his disciples, "Be ready, dressed for service, and keep your lamps lit, like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding. As soon as he comes and knocks, they will open to him. Happy are those servants whom the master finds wide-awake when he comes. Truly, I tell you, he will put on an apron and have them sit at table and he will wait on them. Happy are those servants if he finds them awake when he comes at midnight or daybreak!"

Commentary

"I slept, but my heart was awake. Listen! my beloved is knocking. 'Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one.'" This passionate language is from the Song of Songs, the only book in the Bible that never mentions God. It's a love poem between a boy and a girl, and it has been used by the Church as a love poem of the soul and God. It's all "heart."

We say we keep some people (and some things) "in our heart." Is it a place, then? What kind of place would it be? Very different, I imagine, from other places. It has some kind of reverse geometry: when there are many people in it there's room for more, but when there's no one in it there's no room for anyone. And in the matter of love (because that's what the heart stands for) one and one are still one.

How hard it is to understand the heart! When we fully understand something we can go to sleep! But when we don't understand, we have to stay awake: anything could happen! If we understood the heart fully we would lose all sense of wonder; we could ignore the depths of everything. But instead we have to be on the alert! "Be ready, dressed for service," today's reading tells us, "and keep your lamps lit!"

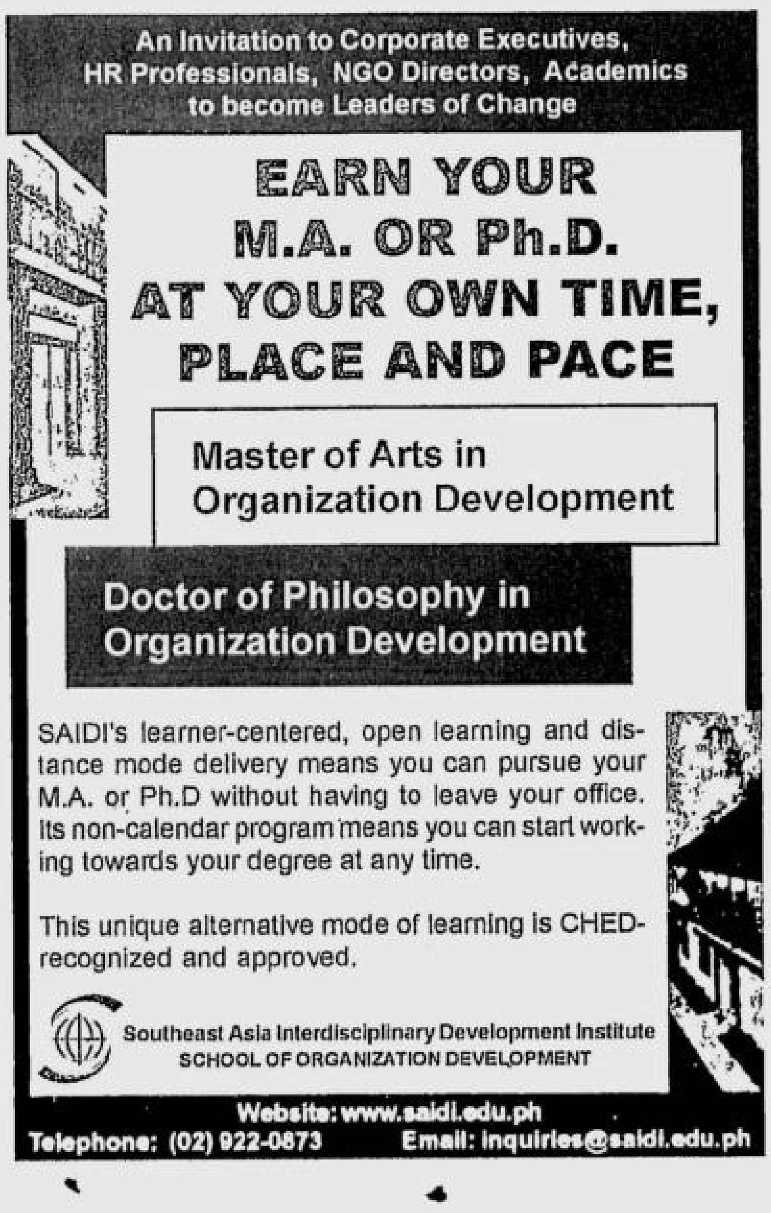
Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: cci@claret.org; Websites: http://www.bible. claret.org (Claretian Publications Inc.) & http://missionaries.claret.org (Claretians in the Philippines)

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CIVIL LAW (FAMILY CODE)—**Determination of conjugal nature of property**—Whether a property is conjugal or not is determined by law and not by the will of one of the spouses. No unilateral declaration by one spouse can change the character of conjugal property. The clear intent of Nicolas in placing his status as single is to exclude Eusebia from her lawful share in the conjugal property. The law does not allow this. The cohabitation of a spouse with another person, even for a long period, does not sever the tie of a subsisting previous marriage. Otherwise, the law would be giving a stamp of approval to an act that is both illegal and immoral. What petitioners fail to grasp is that Nicolas and Pacita's cohabitation cannot work to the detriment of Eusebia, the legal spouse. The marriage of Nicolas and Eusebia continued to exist regardless of the fact that Nicolas was already living with Pacita. Hence, all property acquired from 7 October 1926, the date of Nicolas and Eusebia's marriage, until 23 November 1996, the date of Eusebia's death, are still presumed conjugal. Petitioners have neither claimed nor proved that any of the subject properties was acquired outside or beyond this period. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Carpio, First Division, Villanueva vs Court of Appeals, G. R. No. 143286]

BY R. B. VERA

SUPER LOW PRICE
FOR OLYMPIC SIZE & RESORTS
POOL P318,000 PACKAGE
RESIDENTIAL
SHIELDS
COMM'L • SPORTS • SCHOOLS
SUBDIVISIONS • RESORTS
PHONE COLLECT MLA
826 - 57 - 46
826 - 41 - 97
829 - 84 - 33


An Invitation to Corporate Executives, HR Professionals, NGO Directors, Academics to become Leaders of Change
EARN YOUR M.A. OR Ph.D. AT YOUR OWN TIME, PLACE AND PACE
Master of Arts in Organization Development
Doctor of Philosophy in Organization Development
SAIDI's learner-centered, open learning and distance mode delivery means you can pursue your M.A. or Ph.D without having to leave your office. Its non-calendar program means you can start working towards your degree at any time.
This unique alternative mode of learning is CHED-recognized and approved.
Southeast Asia Interdisciplinary Development Institute
SCHOOL OF ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT
Website: www.saidi.edu.ph
Telephone: (02) 922-0873 Email: inquiries@saidi.edu.ph

E-card to make GSIS members' lives easier

IN HIS continuing bid to convince the 1.5 million government employees that he was looking after their welfare, Government Service Insurance System president and general manager Winston Garcia yesterday led the first day list-up of an electronic ID system that would make it possible for its members to transact business with the GSIS without having to line up at its offices.

Garcia, who has been the subject of criticism and complaints for alleged mismanagement and abuse of privileges at the GSIS, said the e-card would make the GSIS members responsible for their loan and benefit applications.

"With this system, we are placing the GSIS entirely in the hands of our members. By far, we are the most modern and most efficient government agency in the country," Garcia told the INQUIRER.

The e-card, however, is only available initially in Metro Manila. GSIS members in the provinces would be able to avail themselves of the service in a month or two.

"All the members have to do is file their loan applications or benefit claims over the Internet and, with their e-cards, withdraw their loans or benefits over automated teller machines of Bancnet, Megalink and Expressnet," Garcia said.

He said that under the system, GSIS members could also check if their employers had been remitting their contributions.

"With the e-card, GSIS members can check their records online. They no longer have to go to the GSIS offices," he said.

What the e-card would also do for the GSIS is stamp out ghost claims.

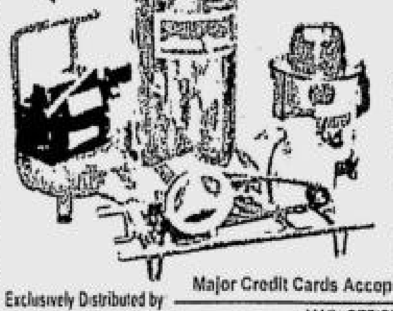
"This will minimize financial fraud, including the illegal and unauthorized use of members' privileges to obtain loans and other financial benefits from the GSIS," Garcia said.

He said it would also save the GSIS P250 million annually in the cost of checks it would no longer have to issue.

Garcia said the GSIS leadership had been conducting dialogues with its members and was making headway in convincing them of the viability of the reforms being undertaken in the government pension fund.

Norman Bordadora

FREE DELIVERY within Metro Manila
ORIGINAL CARWASH EQUIPMENT
NOW For Only P39,500



Previously Priced @
~~P55,000~~
Set includes:
- Compressor
- Super Foam
- Vacuum
- Hi-Pressure Washer (electric driven)

With AFTER SALES SERVICE
Major Credit Cards Accepted Deferred Payments Up To 24 Mos.
Exclusively Distributed by
CLEANCITY COMMERCIAL INCORPORATED
MAIN OFFICE 1851 M. OROSA ST., MALATE MLA
Tel. Nos.: 5244328 • 5240529 • 5245290
QUEZON CITY BRANCHES 646 QUEZON AVE Tel. 7490581 • 7493709
152 DEL MONTE AVE NR COR ROOSEVELT AVE Tel. 4101086 • 3724429

KITANO "YOUR PARTNER IN PRODUCT & SERVICE EXCELLENCE"
BILL COUNTERS
- Quiet Operation (< 60 dB)
- W/ External Display
- Speed. 900 notes / min.

CHECK WRITERS
- 10-Digit • W/ calculator
- Perforated Printing
- Heavy Duty

LAMINATORS
- Variable Temperature
- 4 Heavy duty rollers
- Forward & reverse control

MIMEOGRAPHING MACHINE
- 120 copies per minute
- Electric & Manual Operation
- Adjustable Printing Position
- Pre-set Counter

PAPER SHREDDERS
- NS-C2X2 Shred size: 2x2mm
- NS-C2X6 Shred size: 2x6mm
- NS-C2X14 Shred size: 2x14mm

WIRE & PLASTIC BINDING MACHINES
Plastic Comb Binder
- 21 Holes / A4 size
- Adjustable Margin Depth

BUNDY CLOCKS
- Two color printing
- W/ Musical Melody
- Auto Card Feed
- Auto Column Shifting
- Back-up Power
- Heavy Duty

Wire Binder CB 200W
- 34 Holes / A4 size
Also Available: 40 holes / 14"

- 450 sheets binding capacity
- 25 sheets punching capacity
- 24 Holes
BH-C24 / C24D
BH-9810ZA

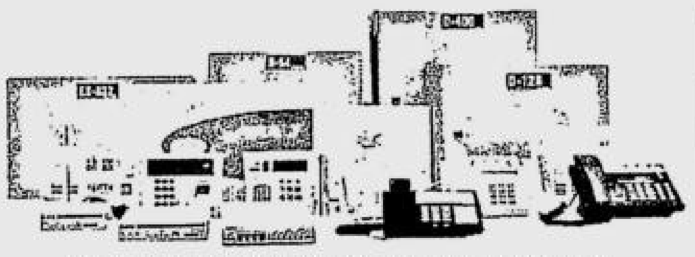
CALL NOW AT: 8905310 • 8905320 • 8905327 | 8967764 • 8983431 • 8983432
E-mail ad.: sales@e-davidlink.com
Website: www.e-davidlink.com

CITYLAND
2003 LEADING CONDO DEVELOPER
Presidential Awardee
MAKATI EXECUTIVE TOWERS I &II
Few units left
Construction in full swing
Dela Rosa St.,
Pio Del Pilar, Makati City
Office, Commercial and Residential Condominium for as low as
P10,988/mo.
HLURB License to Sell#04867
IN-HOUSE FINANCING AVAILABLE
P5,288/mo.
HLURB License to Sell#08177
CITYLAND *812-2222 *243-6565 *818-8888 *241-1894 *892-6150
(0919)310-8553 www.cityland.net • investment@cityland.net

THE LATEST!
EXCELLÉNCE VIDEOKE MICROPHONE by
THE ORIGINAL!
MAGIC SING
The World's Best-selling Videoke Microphone!
FREE LEATHERETTE MIC JACKET

Protects your Original Magic Sing Excellénce!
MORE PICTURE BACKGROUNDS!
Up to 76 international & local sites!
CHOOSE THE ORIGINAL MAGIC SING EXCELLÉNCE!
Manufactured by ET ENTER TECH CO LTD (Korea)
Authorized dealers:
SM Appliance Center • Ambassador Appliances, Inc. • Anson Emporium • Radio City • Pricesmart • Rustan's Department Store • Gaisano South Group • Metro • Gaisano White Gold • Hotel Rembrandt • Sound Dimension • Crossings • Deeco • Mike's Dept. Store • Emcor • Ocampo's • NBI Marketing • 5th Ave • Imperial Appliance Plaza • Conpinco • Gillamac's
Exclusively Distributed by: THE ASTRA GROUP, INC.
For dealership inquiries, please call 722-4056 or 722-8052
www.astramagicsing.com

FORTH Digital Systems
CERT.No. Q16549
www.forth.com.ph
" No PABX System is too BIG or too Small for us"



Home & Small Office Mini PABX • Professional Digital PABX • Proximity Door Access System • Authorized Attendant (DISA Box) • GSM Line Mobile Converter

- we can upgrade your obsolete PABX with our Digital Auto Attendant & GSM Line Module.
- we have *"lease to own"* plans for your upgrades & new requirements.
- we have *17 years* experience of installation and services.
- systems for Home & Small Office starts at *P12,000.00* only (3x8 System)
- we do in-house cabling & installations for PABX, PC LAN and CCTV.

Exclusive Distributor:
SOGO International Inc
538 Hen. Lacuna cor. Zamora Sts., Bangkal, Makati City
Tel. Nos.: (632) 889-0873 to 75 • Fax No.: (632) 889-0876
E-mail: sales@sogo.com.ph • Website: www.sogo.com.ph

ACTEL Communication Trading
Unit 203 MARVIC Bldg., 254 Mc Arthur Highway, Karuhatan, Valenzuela City
Tel. No. 4402347 / 4459229 / 4463034
SPECIAL PROMO!!!
Brand New Panasonic Telephone PABX System
3 C.O. Lines; 8 Locals
For Only P16,500
FREE DEMO
One Year Warranty
Plus!!! FREE SPECIAL PACKAGE
We Also Offer!!!
PABX SYSTEM & LAN STRUCTURAL CABLING
- 6 Lines, 24 Local Lines Capacity
- 12 Lines, 48 Local Lines Capacity

EMBARRASSED by BAD BREATH?
It's amazing breakthrough in medical technology Therabreath System™ a U.S. product effectively eliminates *bad breath, bitter/sour taste, phlegm in throat, pasty saliva, post natal drip, awful morning breath.*
Bad Breath is caused by sulfur producing bacteria on your tongue & throat not in stomach or sinus
That's why mouthwashes and capsules don't really work
Free use of *Halimeter* to detect the source of bacteria and monitoring bad breath condition
Free delivery w/in Metro Manila
Money back guarantee
Tel: 890-8380; 895-5532; 897-2466
Cel# 09177965859

SPEECHPOWER
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2004
High-paying jobs demand...
☐ English Proficiency
☐ Confident Personality
☐ Positive Work Attitude
Join our
–FREE SAMPLE LESSONS–
Nov. 3 - Wed SP- Cubao
Nov. 4 - Thu SP- Taft
Nov. 5 - Fri SP- España
3:00 - 5:00 PM ; 6:00 - 8:00 PM
For more details, call:
☎ Cubao •911-0832 •911-0833 •911-0834
☎ España •735-7256 •735-7262 •735-7312
☎ Taft •521-3601 •525-5310
www.speechpower.com.ph

Permanent Make Up And much More...

BEFORE
AFTER
Asia's No.1 *and still the best in aesthetic tattoo with 25 years of excellent quality service, Women and even men can have that sexy brow and lips we ever wanted. Everybody can look their best all the time.*
SERVICES OFFERED
- AESTHETIC TATTOO / PERMANENT MAKE-UP
- RECONSTRUCTION OF DAMAGED TATTOO / NON SURGICAL NOSELIFT, BUTTLIFT, FACELIFT
- YOUNG PRETTY HANDS & FEET
- FACE BODY PEELING
- FACE & BODY WHITENING
- LASER OMNILASE TREATMENT
- EUROPEAN DEEP PORE FACIALS
- AESTHETIC VARICOSE & SPIDER VEIN TREATMENT
- SILVER PEEL SYSTEM
- WARTS REMOVAL
- EYELASHES PERMING

Hurry and avail of the best offer! *P3,000.00/each!!! (promo for the month of October 2004)
- Eyebrows
- Upper Eyelids
- Lower Eyelids

40% OFF the original price of P5,000.00
FREE CONSULTATION
Prettylooks
Hi-Tech Beauty Centre for Men & Women
Ground Floor UG 7 City and Land Mega Plaza 1907 ADB Ave. Ortigas Center, Pasig City
(In front of Holiday Inn formerly Galleria Suite across the East Wing of Robinsons Galleria Suite)
Tel. Nos. 687-7507 / 687-5098 CP 0917-5331828
susanong@globenet.com.ph • www.prettylooks.com

YOUR NEED:
MORE DOLLARS FOR YOUR DOLLARS

FULFILLED BY:
COCOLIFE
Dollar Plans
UNLOCK THE EARNING POWER OF YOUR DOLLARS
The Cocolife US Dollar Plans are a great way to invest your dollars. Utilizing the strength and flexibility of the US $ currency, you are protected from currency fluctuations, inflation rates and the uncertainties of the future.
Cocolife offers several ways to invest your dollars.
DOLLAR PEAK LIFE
A whole life policy denominated in US Dollars which provides you and your family lifetime protection benefits and dividend earnings.
DOLLAR POWER SERIES
Dividend earning endowment policies that provide you with dollar life insurance protection, steady dollar returns and dollar dividends.
Your need for a stable financial life is again fulfilled by Cocolife.
For more information, fax this coupon or send by mail.
Name :
Address :
Tel. No. :
Ref #12SP
COCOLIFE
FREEDOM TO LIVE YOUR LIFE
COCOLIFE Building, 6774 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Call Center: 810-7888 • Fax No: 812-9039 • Website:www.cocolife.com

www.singaporeair.com/ph
EXPERIENCE OVER 55 DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE
Singapore Airlines takes you to over 55 destinations including vibrant Amritsar, India - home of the magnificent Golden Temple and gateway to scenic Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir. En route, enjoy KrisWorld, World Gourmet Cuisine, and of course, the inflight service even other airlines talk about.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES
A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER

The WORLD

Editor **Luverne B. Gueco**

Bush cause of Muslim tragedies–Mahathir

MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR—Malaysia's former prime minister has urged Muslims in America to vote for US Sen. John Kerry in the Nov. 2 presidential election, saying President George W. Bush has been "the cause of the tragedies" across the Muslim world.

"Vote Bush out of office," Mahathir Mohamad said in an open letter dated Oct. 15 to America's Muslim community. "It is truly an *ibadah* (act of devotional worship) that you perform."

"In the past four years, during the Presidency of George W. Bush, the Muslims and their countries have suffered oppression and humiliation as never before in the history of Islam," he said in the letter published on IslamiCity.com, a California-based Web site.

"There is an obvious connection between the sufferings of the Muslims and the policies and thinking of Bush," the letter said.

It was the most strongly worded statement opposing Bush so far by a prominent official in this Southeast Asian nation, which currently chairs the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference, the world's largest Muslim political grouping.

Mahathir, who retired last October but remains a respected figure in the Islamic world, said Muslims have "a duty to ensure Bush will not be able to determine our fate for four more years."

"Bush has shown that despite his protests, he is the cause of the tragedies in Afghanistan, Palestine and Iraq," Mahathir said.

"I would like to appeal to you, the Muslim citizens and voters of America, to be united and to cast your votes against Bush, in the name of justice, in the name of Islam."

In March, Mahathir had said he believed Kerry might be a better president because he would keep the world safer and listen to other opinions.

However, Kerry's aides insisted the Democratic candidate "rejects any association" with Mahathir, whom they called "an avowed anti-Semite whose views are totally deplorable."

Mahathir retired last year mired in a controversy after telling a summit of Muslim leaders that "Jews rule the world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them."

The remarks drew condemnation from Western leaders, including Bush. *AP*

HINDU FESTIVAL

Indian women perform the Garba, a traditional dance, during the fourth day of the nine-day Navratri festival in Ahmedabad late Oct. 17. Navratri, a nine-day Hindu festival of traditional dance, started last Thursday across the country. Picture taken on Oct. 17.

REUTERS

Zarqawi vows allegiance to Bin Laden

DUBAI—An Iraq-based group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi has pledged allegiance to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida group in a move it said aimed to increase the "ire of infidels and the fear of the enemies of Islam."

Washington has long accused Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad Group of links to al-Qaida. But a statement posted on the Internet on Sunday was the group's first public admission of ties to the network behind the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

"With the advent of the month of Ramadan and the need for Muslims to unify ranks in the face of the enemy... We announce that the Tawhid and Jihad Group, its prince and soldiers, have pledged allegiance to the sheikh of the *mujahideen* (holy fighters) Osama bin Laden," said the statement dated Sunday.

"Sheikh Abu Musab was in contact with the brothers in al-Qaida for eight months, exchanging points of view, then contact was interrupted only to be restored again and the brothers in al-Qaida understood Tawhid and Jihad Group's strategy in (Iraq)," said the statement, which was posted on several websites often used by militants.

It was not possible to verify its authenticity. *Reuters*

UK scientists urge UN to ignore Bush plea for human cloning ban

LONDON—Britain's national academy of science urged the United Nations on Monday to ignore a call by President George W. Bush to ban all forms of human cloning.

The Royal Society said the United States should be allowed to decide whether therapeutic cloning, creating embryos as a source of stem cells to cure diseases, is prohibited within its own borders.

"But other countries, including the UK, have now passed legislation to allow carefully regulated therapeutic cloning while introducing a ban on reproductive cloning," Lord May of Oxford, the president of the society said in a statement.

Last month in a speech to the United Nations Bush called for all countries to support a ban on therapeutic and human reproductive cloning proposed by Costa Rica.

May believes nations should back a Belgian proposal when the UN General Assembly votes on the issue later this month. The Belgian plan would outlaw human reproductive cloning but allow countries to make their own decision on therapeutic cloning.

"If this proposal was successful the United States and others would be still be free to ban all human cloning but countries that see the promise offered by therapeutic cloning can still carry out research," May explained.

Therapeutic cloning is a controversial area of research because it involves the creation and destruction of early embryos to mine them for stem cells which have the ability to develop any type of cell or tissue in the body.

Scientists believe therapeutic cloning could lead to new treatments for illnesses such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and heart disease.

The Royal Society argues that countries which allow regulated therapeutic cloning would not sign up to a convention supporting a total ban on cloning.

Although member nations would not be compelled to support a treaty banning all forms of human cloning, the society said it would place a major obstacle in the way of stem cell research.

"The US government's approach at the UN appears more designed to influence domestic legislation, where attempts to introduce a total ban have so far failed, at the expense of a workable international ban on reproductive cloning," said May.

"Indeed, the US has not yet outlawed reproductive cloning itself," he added. *Reuters*

Iraq war did little to halt terror–Annan

LONDON—The Iraq war has done little to increase security across the world or halt the activities of international terrorists, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan said on Sunday.

Annan said in a British television interview that the international community now had a lot to do to improve security.

"I cannot say the world is safer when you consider the violence around us, when you look around you and see the terrorist attacks around the world and you see what is going on in Iraq," he told the Dimbleby program on ITV television.

"We have a lot of work to do as an international community to try and make the world safer."

A transcript of Annan's interview, due to be broadcast later on Sunday, was made available to media.

Annan also dismissed suggestions that France, Russia and China had, before the recent Iraq war, been prepared to ease sanctions on Iraq in return for oil contracts. *Reuters*

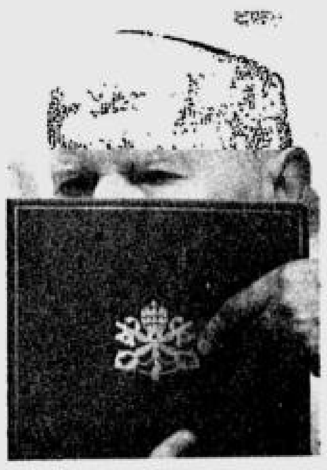
Summit bucks intervention in Darfur

TRIPOLI—An African summit meeting wound up here overnight with a joint statement rejecting any "foreign intervention" in the crisis-torn Sudanese region of Darfur and voicing strong support for the Sudanese government which is threatened with international sanctions over the situation.

The five African leaders involved, including Sudanese President Omar al-Beshir, also urged rebel groups in Darfur to sign a humanitarian protocol drawn up with the Sudanese government, at the next negotiating session scheduled for Thursday in Abuja, according to the meeting's joint communique.

The summiteers, the leaders of Libya, Sudan, Egypt, Nigeria and Chad, stressed their "rejection of all foreign intervention in this purely African question." *AFP*

Pope: Shadows hang over world



POPE JOHN PAUL II

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II Sunday thanked well-wishers who celebrated the 26th anniversary of his election as Pontiff but warned of "threatening shadows" hanging over humanity.

"I want to express my great gratitude to all those who, on the occasion of the anniversary (on Saturday) of my election to the seat of Saint Peter, sent me their congratulations and assured me of their prayers," the Pope told thousands of believers at his weekly Sunday address in St. Peter's Square.

Later he presided at a special Mass in St. Peter's basilica to inaugurate the Eucharistic Year—a year of special devotion to the sacrament of the Eucharist, the centerpiece of the Catholic Mass.

The Eucharist, the sacrament that recalls the last supper of Christ, is "light and life," the Pope said.

"The world needs light in the difficult search for a peace which appears distant, at the beginning of a millennium ravaged and humiliated by the violence of terrorism and war."

He spoke of "threatening shadows" hanging over the human race, among them that of a "scientific research sometimes put to the service of the selfishness of the strongest."

"What stronger aspiration is there than that of life?" he asked.

"And yet on this universal human aspiration threatening shadows are gathering—the shadow of a culture that denies the respect of life at all its stages, the shadow of an indifference that sends countless people to a destiny of hunger and underdevelopment."

The Pope read the first part of his speech himself but, because of his difficulties in speaking, most of his address, which was in Spanish, was read by a senior Vatican official Mgr. Leonardo Sandri, an Argentinian.

He did read the final part of the speech and announced that the next international Eucharistic conference would take place in Quebec in 2008.

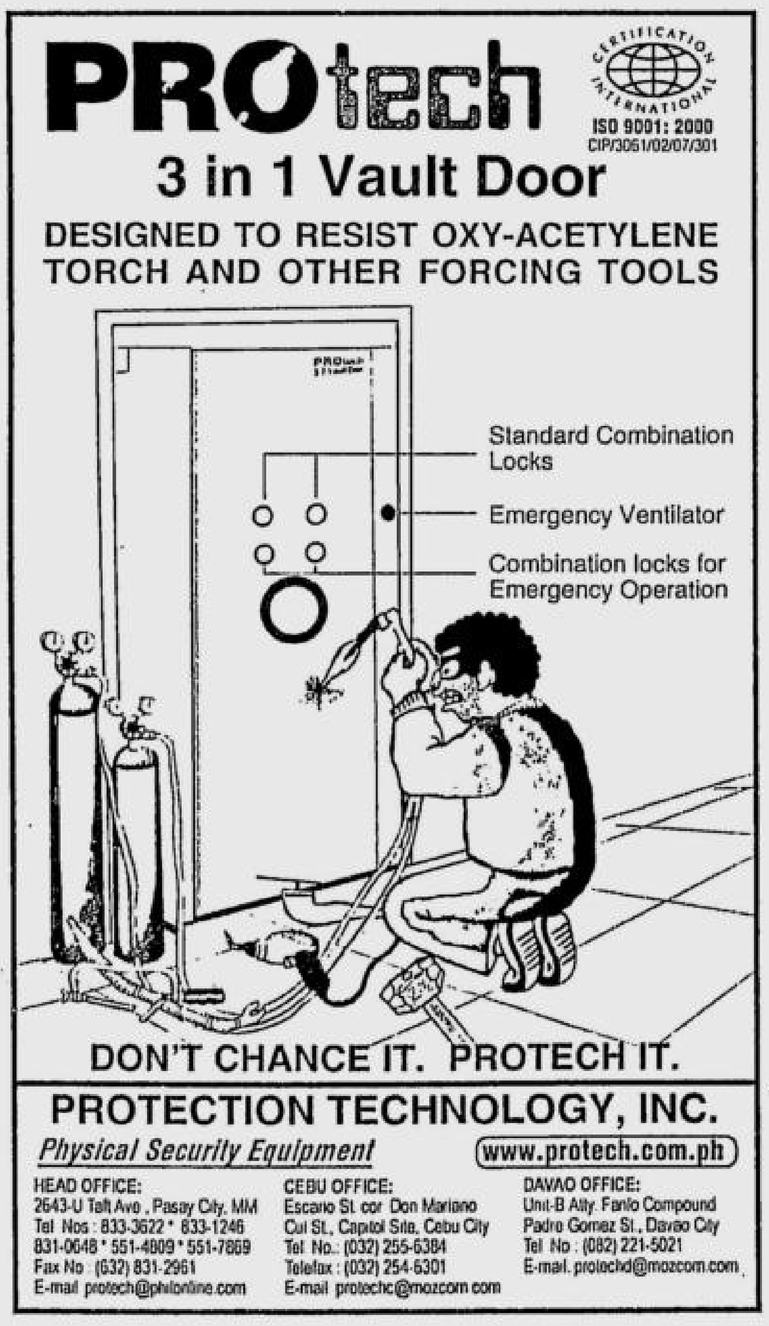
Parkinson's disease and other afflictions have left him a shadow of the robust and energetic Karol Wojtyla elected to the papacy 26 years ago. *AFP*

DOH: Fears of epidemic unfounded
Lacson-Perez showdown lo

Take the Next Step
in caring for environment

Newspaper Paraphernalia Incorporated (NPI) is the leading provider of quality printing supplies, coldset inks, and technical services

Newspaper
Paraphernalia, Inc.



PROtech

ISO 9001: 2000
CIP/3061/02/07/301

3 in 1 Vault Door

DESIGNED TO RESIST OXY-ACETYLENE TORCH AND OTHER FORCING TOOLS

CERTIFICATION INTERNATIONAL
Standard Combination Locks
Emergency Ventilator
Combination locks for Emergency Operation

DON'T CHANCE IT. PROTECH IT.

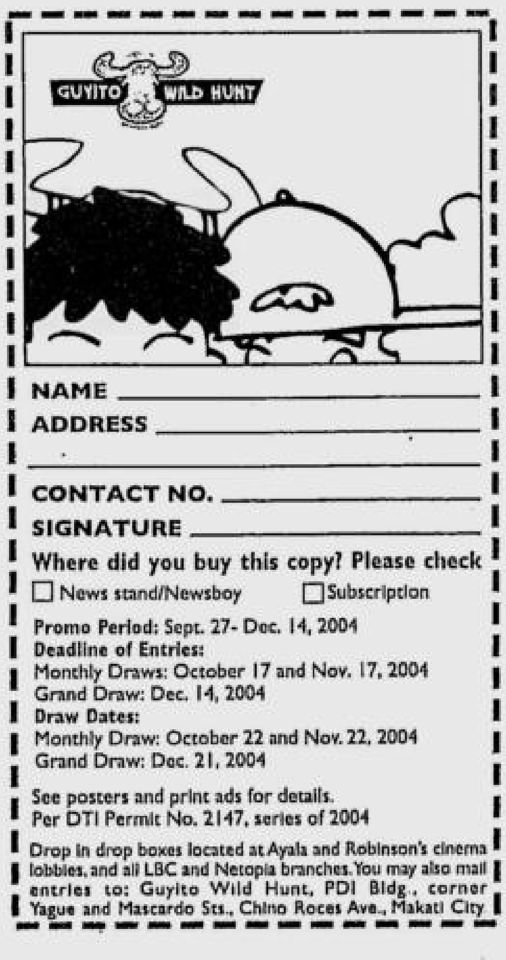
PROTECTION TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Physical Security Equipment www.protech.com.ph

HEAD OFFICE:
2643-U Taft Ave., Pasay City, MM
Tel Nos: 833-3622 * 833-1246
831-0648 * 551-4809 * 551-7869
Fax No: (632) 831-2961
E-mail protech@philonline.com

CEBU OFFICE:
Escario St. cor Don Mariano
Cui St., Capitol Site, Cebu City
Tel No.: (032) 255-6384
Telefax: (032) 254-6301
E-mail protechc@mozcom.com

DAVAO OFFICE:
Unit-B Atty. Fanlo Compound
Padre Gomez St., Davao City
Tel No: (082) 221-5021
E-mail. protechd@mozcom.com



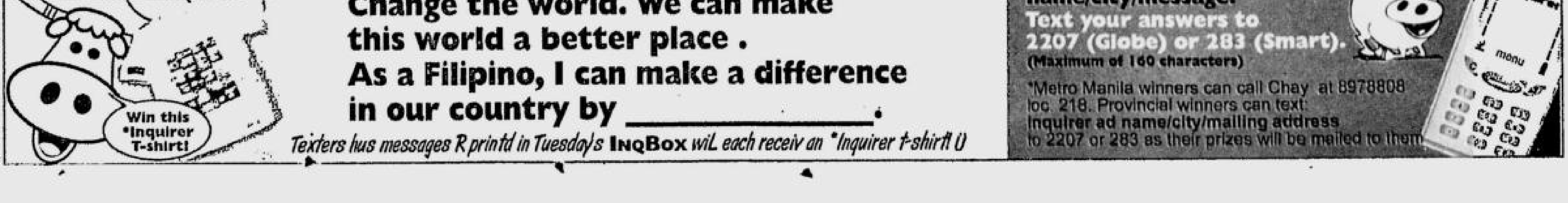
NAME ______
ADDRESS ______
______
CONTACT NO. ______
SIGNATURE ______

Where did you buy this copy? Please check
☐ News stand/Newsboy ☐ Subscription

Promo Period: Sept. 27- Dec. 14, 2004
Deadline of Entries:
Monthly Draws: October 17 and Nov. 17, 2004
Grand Draw: Dec. 14, 2004
Draw Dates:
Monthly Draw: October 22 and Nov. 22, 2004
Grand Draw: Dec. 21, 2004

See posters and print ads for details.
Per DTI Permit No. 2147, series of 2004

Drop in drop boxes located at Ayala and Robinson's cinema lobbies, and all LBC and Netopia branches. You may also mail entries to: Guyito Wild Hunt, PDI Bldg., corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Chino Roces Ave., Makati City



INQBox

Question of the Week

Change the world. We can make this world a better place.
As a Filipino, I can make a difference in our country by ______.

Texters hus messages R printd in Tuesday's INQBox *wiL each receiv an *Inquirer t-shirt! U*

Key in: Inquirer 2BU name/city/message.
Text your answers to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart).
(Maximum of 160 characters)

*Metro Manila winners can call Chay at 8978808 loc. 218. Provincial winners can text: Inquirer ad name/city/mailing address to 2207 or 283 as their prizes will be mailed to them

'Sore loser' exits

JAKARTA—Megawati Sukarnoputri has won plaudits for smoothing Indonesia's path to democracy, but in her final days as president the taciturn leader is in danger of leaving a lasting image as a sore loser who refused to bow out gracefully.

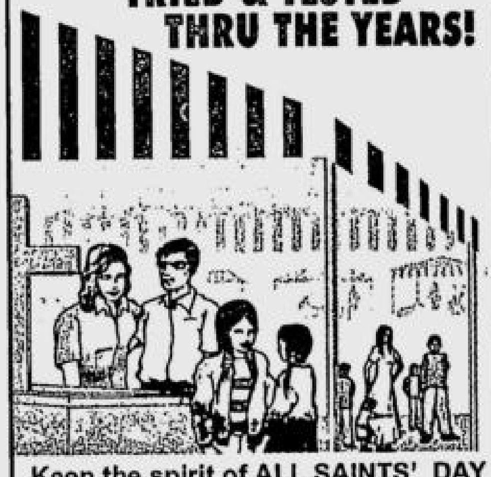
On Wednesday, exactly a month after polls saw Megawati overwhelmingly rejected in favor of her former security minister, the country's next president Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will be sworn in for five years.

But overshadowing Yudhoyono's ascent is the truculence Megawati has shown in dealing with defeat.

Despite polling 24 million votes less than her rival, who claimed 61 percent in the country's first ever presidential election, Megawati has yet to issue a formal acknowledgement of the result or congratulate the winner.

It was also revealed that she will not attend Yudhoyono's inauguration because her appearance was not mandatory. *AFP*

TRIED & TESTED
THRU THE YEARS!



Keep the spirit of ALL SAINTS' DAY warm and close with all-purpose tents from Tenthaus.

Accept no substitute! Don't be taken in by here-today-gone-tomorrow tent merchants.

We do custom-built :
• Awnings • Canopies •
Car Tents • Camping Tents
• Playground Equipment

FOR RENT: PARTY TENTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

tenthaus
The Pioneer The Leader

Main Office :
2/F VILLAFUERTE 111 BLDG.
279 ALABANG-ZAPOTE ROAD
(FRONTING EVER - GOTESCO)
TEL.: 872-3788
872-9067

Branches :
27 KAMIAS RD., QUEZON CITY
TEL.: 922-0432
#1140 PASONG TAMO near cor. KAMAGONG ST., MAKATI CITY
TEL.: 895-5484

Fax No.: 872-2332

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS HONORED

The No.1
Videoke Microphone

WOW! MAGIC SING PREMIUM
Videoke Anytime, Anywhere!

FREE
MAGIC SING PREMIUM NECKPHONE
With every purchase of WOW! Magic Sing Premium Videoke Microphone

MAGIC SING
NEW!
MAGIC SING
ASK FOR IT!

Enjoy hi-fi dynamic sound
& recording studio performance.
Kaya mas feel kumanta!

With
Mini-Recording Studio
(MRS) Function
&
55 built-in WOW PHILIPPINES
Scenic Backgrounds

Made in Korea by: ET ENTERTECH Co. Ltd.

Available Nationwide At:

odyssey MUSIC & VIDEO • Automatic CENTRE • AstroVision • ABENSON • WESTERN • MUSIC VIDEO • Home & Office Center • ASTROPLUS • Avid BRANDS!
And other leading appliance and music stores nationwide

Exclusively Distributed by: in-a-jiffy & G2K Corporation www.magicmic.com

ROYAL TOURS

2004 CHINESE EXPORT COMMODITIES
(GUANGZHOU TRADE FAIR)
(4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS PACKAGE TOUR)

PHASE 2
OCTOBER 25-28
$488
4 Star Hotel in Guangzhou
VIA Philippine Airlines

Other Services Offered: INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC TOUR PACKAGES and PAL Domestic Ticketing Agent

Royal Vacation Holiday Travel & Tours
523 Remedios Street, Malate, Manila
Tels.: 524-9971 • 524-9987 • 521-6727 • 521-3288 Fax: 521-3288

PSBank
U$Dollar
TIME DEPOSIT

Earn as high as 3.5%

	$1,000 to 19,999	$20,000 to 49,999	$50,000 to 99,999	$100,000 to 499,999	$500,000 & up
1 month	2.500%	2.625%	2.750%	2.875%	3.000%
2 months	2.625%	2.750%	2.875%	3.000%	3.125%
3 months	2.750%	2.875%	3.000%	3.125%	3.250%
6 months	2.875%	3.000%	3.125%	3.250%	3.375%
12 months	3.000%	3.125%	3.250%	3.375%	3.500%

Quoted rates are for a limited time only and are subject to change without prior notice.
Rates are on per annum basis and subject to 7.5% withholding tax.

Visit any of our 121 PSBank Branches nationwide.

Member of the PDIC. Maximum Deposit Insurance for each Depositor P250,000.00

Stylish and Spacious Interior

Passion

It's all about intuition

NEW 3.0 V6 CAMRY LEADING THE WAY

VVT-i

3.0 V6

NEW FEATURES
Power Front and Rear Seats • Front and Side Airbags • 17-inch Alloy Wheels • 6-CD, In-Dash Player • Automatic Rain Sensing Wipers
HID, Auto-Leveling Headlamps • LED Rear Combination Lamps • Clearance and Back Sonar Sensors • 6-Area Illuminated Entry
Front Grille • Front Bumper • Front Fog Lamps • Chrome Door Scuff Plates • Tri-color Optitron Meter

3 YEAR WARRANTY
www.toyota.com.ph

TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES 858-8500
TOYOTA ALABANG, INC., Alabang-Zapote Rd. cor. Concha Cruz Drive 800-0801 to 32 / 802-1991 TOYOTA BACOLOD CITY, Gardenville Subdivision, Araneta St., Bacolod City (034) 444-1811 to 13 TOYOTA BAGUIO CITY, Bokawkan Road cor. Aguila St., Baguio City (074) 447-0851 / (074) 300-3273 to 74 / (074) 300-4128 / 3825 / (074) 443-6778 TOYOTA BALINTAWAK, INC., EDSA cor. Vicente Ang & Gen. Evangelista Sts., Kalookan City 366-8901 to 06 / 364-1547 to 50 / 364-4071 to 75 TOYOTA BALINTAWAK-NORTH, 1010 Epifanio De Los Santos Ave. (EDSA), Quezon City 927-7215 / 17 / 30 / 39 / 927-7242 / 44 / 48 / 52 / 927-7257 / 62 / 65 / 927-7268 / 69 TOYOTA BATANGAS CITY, INC., Diversion Road, Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City (043) 723-7386 / (043) 723-7639 TOYOTA CABANATUAN CITY, INC. Km. 118 Maharlika Highway, Daang Sarile, Cabanatuan City (044) 463-8481 to 87 TOYOTA CAGAYAN DE ORO, INC., Km. 3 National Highway, Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City (08822) 735-770 / 791 / 846 / (088) 858-9994 (088) 858-7770 (08822) 737-480 TOYOTA CEBU CITY, INC., 34 M.J. Cuenco St., Cebu City (032) 253-1161 TOYOTA CEBU-MANDAUE, Tabok, Mandaue City (032) 345-8670 TOYOTA COMMONWEALTH, Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City 952-1021 to 27 TOYOTA CUBAO, INC., 926 Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City 911-0651 to 63 TOYOTA DAGUPAN CITY, INC., Diversion Road, Barangay San Miguel, Calasiao, Pangasinan (075) 517-2026 to 28 (075) 522-6771 / 6734/ 4773 TOYOTA DASMARIÑAS CAVITE, Salitran II, Aguinaldo Highway, Dasmariñas, Cavite (046) 850-2597 / (02) 529-8115 (trunk line) TOYOTA DAVAO CITY, INC., Km. 6 Lanang, Davao City (082) 234-0998 / (082) 234-2994 / (082) 234-8640 TOYOTA ILOILO CITY, INC., Gran Plains Subd., Jaro, Iloilo City (033) 320-6115 to 19 TOYOTA MAKATI INC., Ayala cor. Metropolitan Avenues, Makati City 897-3333 TOYOTA MANILA BAY CORP., Roxas Boulevard cor. EDSA Extension, Pasay City 832-3408 to 10 / 832-3432 to 34 / 832-3384 / 832-3437 TOYOTA MARIKINA SERVICE STATION Brgy. Sto Niño, Sumulong Highway cor. Toyota Ave., Marikina City 682-9701 to 03 TOYOTA OTIS, INC., 1770 Paz M. Guazon St., Paco, Manila 564-1811 to 20 TOYOTA PASONG TAMO, INC., 2292 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City 893-8084 TOYOTA QUEZON AVENUE, INC., 726 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City 712-5001 to 06 TOYOTA SHAW, INC., 300 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City 532-4132 / 532-8428 / 534-3009 (telefax) TOYOTA SHAW-ORTIGAS, 124 E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Bo. Ugong, Pasig City 671-9854 to 64 / 671-0460

TOYOTA

OVER 55 DESTINATIONS. ONE AIRLINE.

Singapore Airlines takes you around the world to over 55 destinations. Take your pick from these Economy Class airfares. En route, enjoy the inflight service even other airlines talk about.

SINGAPORE	AUSTRALIA	SAN FRANCISCO/ LOS ANGELES	EUROPE	LOS ANGELES	NEW YORK (Newark)
from US$ 258	from US$ 528	from US$ 798	from US$ 988	from US$ 1,168 on Executive Economy	from US$ 1,388 on Executive Economy

For more information on the above airfares, please call your travel agent or SIA Reservations at 8104951-59. For departures from Cebu/Davao, please call SIA Provincial Reservations in Cebu at (032) 232-9211 and Davao at (082) 244-5608. Airfare to Singapore valid on SQ073 only, valid for departures until 30 November 2004. All prices quoted are per person and exclude taxes, fees and surcharges. Discount applies to children below 12 years old. Travel valid from October to December 2004. Other terms and conditions apply.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES
A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER
www.singaporeair.com/ph

ISSN 0116-2642 INQUIRER Vol. 19 No. 314
Email: feedback@inquirer.com.ph website: http://www.inq7.net

OPINION

Text us your feedback: inquirer opi name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

The Philippine Daily Inquirer, Inc. has its business and editorial offices at
• Chino Roces Ave corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City
• P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City
• Our telephone numbers are 897-8808 connecting all departments
• Editorial Fax 897-4793 / 897-4794 • Advertising 897-4807
• Circulation 527-3342 / 527-3348 / 528-0183 / 528-0186 and 528-0213 / Fax: 528-02-34.

Publisher **Isagani Yambot**
Editor in Chief **Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc**
Managing Editor **Jose Ma. D. Nolasco**
Associate Editor **Abelardo S. Ulanday**
Associate Editor for Readership **Rosario A. Garcellano**
News Editor **Artemio T. Engracia Jr.** • *Chief, News Day Desk* **Nilo B. Paurom**
Opinion Editor **Jorge V. Aruta**
National Editor **Pergentino B. Bandayrel Jr.**
City Editor **Gerry Lirio**
Senior Desk Editor **Juan V. Sarmiento Jr.**
Editorial Consultant **Amando Doronila**
Chief Photographer **Ernie U. Sarmiento**
Art & Design Director **Lynett A. Villariba**

Board Chairman **Marixi R. Prieto**
President **Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez**
Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing **Renato R. Reinoso**
Senior Vice President for Corporate Services **David O. Valdes**
VP for Advertising **Felipe R. Olarte**
AVP for Circulation **Gloria P. Lardizabal**

All rights reserved. Except as permitted by law, no part of the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reproduced or distributed in any form or by any means stored in a database or retrieval system without its prior written permission.

Picking UP's president

EDITORIAL

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines is now in the process of choosing its next president. The university has to choose the best candidate, for he or she will administer a university system that has a lead role in the shaping of the next generation's leaders, scholars, teachers and achievers.

It goes without saying that the next UP president has to be a scholar. The term "scholar" is derived from the Latin word *schola*, meaning school, and a scholar is a learned person, or one who has done advanced studies in a special field. But the word traces its roots further back to a Greek word whose meaning is leisure. Higher learning in Greece was based on the concept of the proper use of leisure time, or the activities of a free man aimed at the fullest appreciation of life. Thus, the term "liberal" education in contrast to "vocational" or "professional" education, which prepared people to earn a living.

The next UP president has to have a broad, liberal outlook that will favor the teaching of the liberal arts and the humanities. At the same time, considering the need of the youth to earn a living for themselves and their families, the UP president has to prepare and administer a program that will adequately equip graduates with knowledge and skills needed in the professions and vocations.

The next UP president has to have the highest integrity and a strong sense of moral and ethical values. The Romans called it *virtus*—strength, manliness, conformity to a standard of right, moral excellence. Knowledge without morals is nothing. Intellectual brilliance counts for nothing unless it is used for good causes. One prime example of this is the dictator Ferdinand E. Marcos, who was a brilliant man but who used his God-given talents for corrupt and evil ends.

The UP president has to set a moral example for the entire university and imbue its faculty members and student body with a sense of purpose. This is especially needed at this time when the university has come under attack for supposedly producing many graduates who have been responsible for some of the graft and corruption and other wrongdoings that are being committed in government.

The next UP president also has to be a good fund raiser. The example of the late Carlos P. Romulo comes to mind. As UP president, Romulo raised a lot of funds and constructed many buildings and facilities on the Diliman campus. The next UP president will have to replicate Romulo's accomplishment in raising funds if he is to make any headway in the efforts to regain the past glory of the state university.

One big source of funds that has not been fully tapped is the hundreds of thousands of UP alumni scattered all over the country and all over the world. We are sure many of them will contribute sizable amounts to help rehabilitate and modernize the state university.

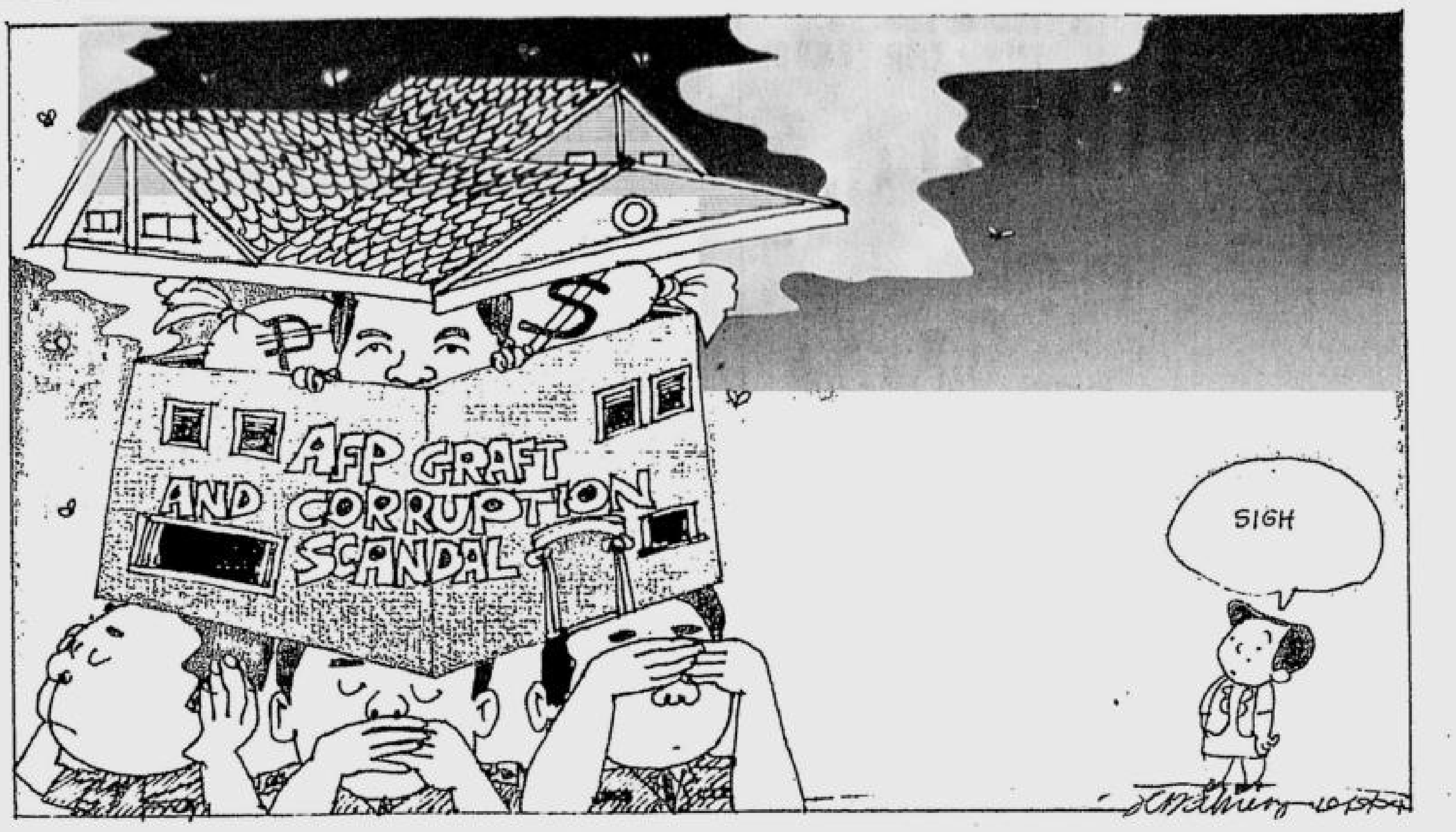
The funds to be raised can be used to improve the physical plant and teaching facilities of the university and to pay competitive salaries to faculty members to prevent them from transferring to other universities here and abroad. Funds are also needed to strengthen ties with the leading universities of the world, expand exchange programs, stimulate research and make the university more accessible to bright students coming from the poorer sectors of the country.

In the recent past, UP ranked 32nd among Asia's top 100 universities. In 2001, it slid down to a disappointing 48th place. Clearly, something has to be done to arrest the decline of standards at the UP and restore it to its former glory.

In the Middle Ages, the revival of higher learning in Europe was started by the organization of student corporations at the *studium* in Bologna and the organization of teaching masters in Paris. The word *universitas* denoted a corporation or guild; teachers and students used the model of the guild as their pattern of organization. Then, as now, the primary activity of universities is scholarly study.

But the next UP president will have to determine whether the university should be engaged only in academic or scholarly studies. "University," after all, comes from the Latin *universus*, meaning entire, whole. A university is supposed to develop not just the mind of a student but his entire being. A university is supposed to serve not just its faculty and student body but the welfare of the nation where it functions and lives.

The next UP president faces a very big challenge. The position should look for the person and not the person for the job. Let us hope, for the sake of the nation, that the best candidate is chosen.


AFP GRAFT AND CORRUPTION SCANDAL
SIGH

Rice-for-classes swap

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

"HAVE you eaten rice?" This is a literal rendering of a Chinese greeting, "How are you?" Filipinos ask, "*Kumain ka na?*" If rice is in cooking pots year round, Vietnamese farmers list themselves as "not poor."

Rice for most Asians is a main staple. More than two billion Asians derive 60 to 70 percent of their calories from *oryza sativa*, first sown in India's Deccan plateau, Thailand's Mekong Delta and Korea, a millennium before Christ.

Rice is recasting President Macapagal-Arroyo's plan to provide food stamps for indigents. A "school-attendance-for-rice program" is evolving from the Department of Social Welfare's blueprint to distribute food coupons to PhilHealth members.

The Social Weather Stations earlier reported that the number of those who'd nothing to eat at least on one occasion over the last quarter made up 15 percent of families.

Sen. Ralph Recto proposes aid focus on 100,000 impoverished elementary school children. The kids would get a kilo of rice for every day they attend classes. Slice "sin taxes" to underwrite this program, he urged. Welcome "kilo-for-kilo" counterparts from private groups.

Students often trudge to school without breakfast. Thus, 33 of every 100 pupils who enroll in Grade 1 will drop out before reaching Grade 6. Ms Arroyo's adoption of Recto's proposal signals awareness of hunger—and rice's impact on perceptions.

"Rice is consumed as a staple food in 43 countries of the region," the Food and Agriculture Organization notes in "Toward A Food Secure Asia And Pacific." "The crop gives part-time work to some 300 million people."

Regimes can crumble from rice shortages. Asian countries resist rice trade liberalization. And 2004 is "International Year of Rice." But beyond rice, what has been this region's experience with food coupons?

Mixed, answers former FAO regional economist Ti Teow Choo. "In Asia, the number of countries which tried this scheme is limited. Under the Bandaranike socialist government in the 1960s, Sri Lanka distributed a fixed amount of free rice to the poor. It nearly bankrupted the state."

Food coupons today are constricted in geographical area, population coverage and duration. Some Indian states periodically give limited rice packs to the poor. China and Vietnam assist through local governments and communities.

Administration can be a quagmire. In Sri Lanka, more than half the population wangled food stamps owing to "dubious means tests." And how do you "wean away" people once subsidies stop?

"More feasible are price interventions with a high subsidy element for limited target groups," Ti thinks. "India for example provides such assistance to remote tribal peoples, resource-poor farmers and the urban destitute."

For the long haul, however, there's no substitute for producing food. "He who depends on others for rice is likely to fast," Asian farmers warn.

A "second harvest" is wasted in processing after reaping or fish catches are landed. A solid post-harvest program is urgent. And science-based tools, such as hybrids from China, offer new hope for production increases.

To mark International Year of Rice, FAO awarded the 2004 World Food Prize to rice breeders Yuan Longping of China and Monty Jones of Sierra Leone. Yuan produced hybrid rice with yields 20 percent higher than conventional varieties. He is credited with providing grain for an additional 60 million people each year. In Ghana, Jones crossed the Asian *O. sativa* with the *African O. glaberrima* strains and produced drought- and pest-resistant, high-yielding rice varieties. This "first" in rice breeding helped 20 million farmers in West Africa alone.

Despite cuts in donor aid, research institutes work to beef up rice's nutritional content. Commonly consumed white rice provides adequate energy. But milling strips away most of its protein, fiber, fat, iron and B vitamins.

"The most common nutritional problems in poor rice-eating communities are protein-energy malnutrition and iron, iodine and vitamin A deficiencies," notes the FAO's International Year of Rice website.

Iron deficiency reduces a child's learning ability. It's a leading cause of maternal deaths. Here, 172 mothers die for every 100,000 live births; for Thailand, it is 64. Vitamin A deficiency blinds. It jacks up infant mortality. Out of every 1,000 babies born here, 29 die. In Malaysia, it's eight.

Away from headlines, local and foreign scientists probe other frontiers. International Rice Research Institute scientists seek to introduce into rice a gene that produces beta-carotene, a substance that the human body converts to vitamin A. Food fortification is being studied.

At UP Los Baños, Jose Yorobe and Liborio Cabanilla are evaluating "Bt" corn's performance a year after their approval for use. Corn is modified by introducing a gene that builds resistance against the Asian corn borer. Yields are 37 percent higher. And there have been savings on pesticides and reduction of pests. But Bt corn remains controversial.

"The unfulfilled promise of food still lies in the tropics," the FAO director general said in an address at UP Los Baños. "Here in this sun-drenched belt of land, temperature is benign and rainfall abundant. These areas could be the food granaries for the world of our children. The irony is that because of pervasive poverty, life in this very zone is often nasty, brutish and short."

Isn't that what those rice-for-classes swaps are all about?

(E-mail: juan_mercado@pacific.net.ph)

Strength

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

DANA R. Dillon of the Heritage Foundation is right when she says Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo "is the weakest leader in the (Asia-Pacific) region." She is right when she says GMA is "an equal opportunity weakling" who would "rather appease than confront." She is right about these things—but for the wrong reasons.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative American think tank that approved of Marcos for the most part, has always been confused about the meaning of strength. In that respect at least, Ignacio Bunye is right to say its assessment is biased, owing mainly to GMA's decision to pull out Philippine troops from Iraq to save a Filipino from a beheading. Dillon expressly shows his bias: "The longer (GMA's) administration makes foreign policy for the Philippines, the more it seems that threats from terrorists and regional bullies influence her more than diplomatic and financial aid from Manila's friends and allies."

His equation is simple and simplistic: Had GMA remained true to her commitment to the "coalition of the willing," she would have been a strong leader. But she did not. Hence, she is a weak one. In fact, GMA's decision to pull out the tiny Philippine contingent from Iraq is the only show of strength she's made in close to four years of rule. But also for the wrong reasons, which in the end reduces it to an act of weakness.

I did say then it wasn't enough to pull out our troops from Iraq. By itself, it smacked of horrendous cowardice, coming as it did especially after her high-profile, gung-ho saber-rattling and strutting before the Iraq invasion. For her decision to represent an act of principle rather than of expedience, it had to go with a rejection of the invasion and an apology to both the Iraqi and Filipino people for dragging them to hell to satisfy the whims of a madman. You can't just pull out your troops and act as though nothing has happened. That may be possible in this country, whose people suffer from perpetual amnesia and who can't remember that the person who rescued Angelo de la Cruz was the same person who drove him to his captors' arms to begin with, but that is not possible elsewhere. Elsewhere, people remember—and demand explanations.

I warned repeatedly about the consequences of that action without an articulated change of policy, or heart, to go with it. It would be seen as an act of cowardice, it would be seen as a show of weakness. Well, it's a lesson GMA should have learned a long time ago: You try to please everybody, you'll please no one.

GMA's support for the US invasion of Iraq, or indeed for George W. Bush's idea of fighting terrorism, was never an act of strength to begin with. It was an act of weakness. It represented the very thing Dillon cites as proof of GMA's weakness, which is her penchant for appeasing rather than confronting. Outside looking in, it might have looked like a show of strength, a defiance of the sentiments of most of the world, particularly of the South, as represented by the countries belonging to the Non-Aligned Movement. Inside looking out, it was an act of weakness, a pandering to the biases of this country to drum up support for a second term. No, more than pandering to the biases of this country, exploiting and fanning the worst prejudices of this people, which are our blind love for Americans and blind hatred for Moros.

GMA's dubious distinction as the weakest leader in the Asia-Pacific region did not begin when she acceded to the demands of Angelo de la Cruz's captors. It began long before, when she acceded to the demands of this country's captors, the people and institutions who have run it from time immemorial, more and more to the ground. It was a monumental irony from the start that GMA would ensue from the loins of Edsa II, the overthrow of Erap, like the overthrow of Marcos, sounding the call for heroic changes. That she would neither be heroic nor change anything was patent from Day One in her inauguration speech when she forgot about the real forces that drove Erap away and began praising the generals who flocked to Edsa at the 11th hour to pluck victory away from everybody else. That's how Angelo Reyes got as far as he did.

That was patent in the way she bowed down to Erap after "Edsa III," figuring she couldn't afford to antagonize him and his followers if she wanted to win a second term. That was patent in the way she tried to accommodate the Marcoses and their cronies, figuring she too needed them if she wanted to stay in power. That was patent in the way she banned "Live Show" from public view to please Jaime Cardinal Sin. "Live Show" was a perfectly respectable movie made by a perfectly respectable director, Joey Reyes, who had the added virtue of having fought Erap when most movie folk tried only to please him. Certainly, he contributed far more to Edsa II than GMA.

Indeed, that was patent in the way GMA turned herself into an American vassal, single-handedly pushing this country back to commonwealth status, in defense of an idiot of an American president. Can there be a more embarrassing display of vassalage than her speech at the UN last year, where she echoed Bush's line after Kofi Annan, Jacques Chirac, Mahathir Mohamad, and even the Pope had taken turns criticizing the US for its occupation of Iraq? You want to see strong leaders, all you have to do is look at the last four, who are strong not merely because they stand their ground (Bush does the same thing out of stupidity) but because they stand on moral ground.

No, GMA's descent into the weakest leader of Asia did not begin when she pulled out troops from Iraq. It began long before—with no small help from the American government. And groups like the Heritage Foundation.

No basis for citizens' fears

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

YESTERDAY, I recounted the heroism of a Leyteño named Valeriano Ibanez Abello who, together with his two friends, Antero Junia Sr. and Vicente Tiston, volunteered to help guide Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces during the Leyte Landing 60 years ago. Abello, a former Boy Scout who had mastered the Scout's semaphore system, communicated with Allied forces through white flags as they prepared to come ashore to "re-take" the Philippines. Offering to guide them to enemy targets, Abello got clearance to board the destroyer. With Junia and Tiston, who left over the vigorous objections of their worried families, the young men, in their mid-30s, were shelled continuously by the Japanese who capsized their boat. Luckily they survived. Had their self-appointed mission failed, many thousands of Leyteños and even American forces could have perished and perhaps the war's end would have been delayed.

* * *

Over the past 60 years, the heroism of Abello and his two comrades is recalled at every Leyte Landing anniversary. But ironically, as an account by Edralyn L. Benedicto and Lindablue Romero (sent to me in a batch of clippings by my friend from Calubian, Leyte and son of one of those three young men, Antero Junia Jr.), put it, Abello was never recognized as a war veteran. He applied for recognition but the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office said, "Evidence on record fails to show that you rendered meritorious World War II service to warrant conclusion that you are a deserving guerilla." Abello bitterly suspected that the PVAO thought he was just after the pension. "They can have it," he was quoted as saying. "All I want is to be recognized, not for myself, for I am old, but for my children and my grandchildren. I want them to know that I did something for my country."

* * *

Recognition for Abello, who died on July 17, 1999, came from other entities. In 1956, he was awarded a Legion of Honor medal by the late Col. Nicanor Jimenez (Letty Magsanoc's famous dad) in the presence of President Ramon Magsaysay, "for outstanding service to the Philippines and its allies during World War II by saving the lives of hundreds of Filipinos and American servicemen during the Leyte invasion." His feat was written up in the American Legion Magazine and President Manuel Roxas awarded him a Diploma of Merit in 1949. Abello is also recognized as a hero of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

The heroism of those three brave young men ought to be recalled in these times when we badly need authentic heroes. That episode will be featured by Cecile Alvarez and Nelly Valdez in a radio drama in "Radyo Balintataw" over dzRH later this month.

* * *

This paper reported Senate President Franklin Drilon's confirmation that Congress will reenact for the second straight year the 2003 national budget, a first in the history of the legislature. He said Congress would not be able to pass by the end of this year the proposed P906.7-billion budget for 2005. Drilon had said as much in last month's MOPC forum.

The reason for this, apart from the late submission by the Palace of the budget proposal, may be that there's not much time left this year. Congress resumes session this Monday, Oct. 25, up to Oct. 28, after which it again goes on recess for a week for All Saints' Day. It returns on Nov. 8 and continues its session until Dec. 15 when the lawmakers take a break for the Christmas holidays to resume only in the second week of January. Thus, the budget will compete with the tax reform measures international investors are clamoring for.

* * *

Drilon's announcement leaves citizens wondering what happens to the proposed 40 percent cut in the pork barrel allocation for members of Congress, as well as the ballyhooed line-item budgeting. I called up Drilon to express this apprehension and he said there's little cause for worry. This is because after three quarters, only one-fourth of the pork barrel funds have been released, and so at most only half of the funds would be released by the end of this year. Since this is the case for 2004, Drilon stressed, it's "very far-fetched" that the members of Congress would get their allocations without cuts for next year. He pointed out that "historically," the pork barrel is not released during the first quarter of the new year. I checked this out with veteran observers who said releases are usually made around May and June. I told the Senate chief that the citizens would get some perverse satisfaction over the delay of the budget, since *wala palang makukuha ang mga* legislators. He laughed.

* * *

We also talked about the tax reform measures and Drilon noted that President Macapagal-Arroyo is "really serious" about getting them passed. He said that of the eight measures, there's a big chance that three will be enacted this year. One is the bill on "sin taxes," which has already been endorsed by the opposition in the Senate, with only the rates still to be agreed upon. Drilon stressed that the principal consideration in passing this measure, which is thought to be the most difficult to enact (after all, it has been introduced so many times in the past), is to raise the "level of confidence" of the international community in RP. The other two measures that should meet "little resistance," he said, are the rationalization of fiscal incentives, which involves looking into the tax holidays of new businesses and the lateral attrition bill.

What about the tax amnesty bill? Drilon said the Senate is not too keen at the moment on passing. *"Pangit tingnan kung mauna ito,"* he explained. I agree since it would mean that Congress is not working hard to pass the other measures.

Religious tolerance and nationhood

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

DURING a fellowship last year for an international family planning leadership program, I had the chance to join fellows from three African and two other Asian countries, some of whom happened to be Muslims, for three weeks of study and observation in Sta. Cruz, San Francisco and Berkeley, all in California.

It struck me early on how concerned the Muslim participants were about being able to carry out their religious obligations, such as their daily prayers and weekly worship. The organizers immediately designated a room where the Muslims could pray in peace and quiet. On weekends, a shuttle bus was made available to them so they could worship in the local mosque.

A nurse from Uganda told me that at first they had a difficult time finding the mosque which was located in a nondescript building downtown. "There used to be signs in Arabic and English identifying the place," she said, "but after 9/11, the mosque was subject to vandalism and threats, so the imam decided that to keep the peace, they should simply remove any identifying signs."

I found it sad that even in the United States, which early in its history served as a haven for people of all faiths who were being prosecuted in their homelands, religious bigotry should now be so common and seemingly tolerated.

Some of the participants also testified how, simply because of their nationalities and religion, they were kept for hours and questioned intensively in US airports. One of the fellows, a doctor from the Sudan named "Osama" was stopped and interrogated at every airport he passed through, and held the longest at San Francisco. A fellow from Burma was also held for questioning, though she recalled the immigration officer asked her only if she had a recipe for a curry dish (wrong religion and wrong cuisine!).

Such is the state of things in our post-9/11 world. And though it's understandable how American security officials should be so skittish, it's unfortunate that such paranoia and jingoism has spread throughout the world as well.

* * *

FOR the record, no one, least of all Ortigas and Co., talked to me, requested me or bribed me to weigh in on the so-called "mosque" controversy in Greenhills. The first time I met an officer of the company was when I encountered Rex Drilon, the general manager of the Greenhills Shopping Center, at the taping for last week's episode of "Debate" on GMA-Channel 7 which had two themes: an "interrogation" of MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando, and the Greenhills imbroglio.

If anybody should be "blamed" for rousing my interest in the issue, it should be the members of an e-group I belong to, some of whom are young Muslim leaders, decrying the incendiary and irresponsible comments made by supposedly "respectable" opinion makers and community leaders. I felt for my Muslim friends who were smarting from the way those opposing the transfer of their prayer area to a parking building in the GSC invoked malicious stereotypes of Muslims as criminals prone to violence, and raising even the specter of terrorism in connection with Islamic centers of prayer and study.

The issue, especially the means employed which has been to stir up latent anti-Muslim feelings among Christian Filipinos, has national implications, even if the matter at hand seems to be nothing but big-time arm-twisting for selfish personal ends. We have lived for over 30 years with the bloody and violent consequences of a Muslim separatist movement, a movement that is, at least in part, due to what has been described as the "historical disadvantage" of the Muslim-dominated areas in the country.

* * *

THE WORLD Bank, in a document on "Human Development for Peace and Prosperity in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao," takes note of how "its long history of independence, separatism and cultural assertiveness has created deep-seated barriers between the community of Muslims in Mindanao and the rest of the Philippine nation."

The price Filipino Muslims have paid, the World Bank said, "has been exclusion and alienation," noting how "the underpinnings of nationhood that define the (ARMM's) ties to the rest of the country continue to be questioned on both sides, obstructing the region's ability to participate fully in the progress and development enjoyed by the rest of the country."

Truly, there cannot be peace in Mindanao as long as the seemingly entrenched cultural bias against Muslims are stoked for various reasons, preventing real policy reform as well as the acceptance of the concept of nationhood among Filipino Muslims. Clearly, the task at hand for Filipinos of goodwill of all faiths should be to reach out to one another, but especially to our "excluded and alienated" Muslim brothers and sisters, to make them feel that they are also accepted as Filipinos, enjoying the same rights and privileges, respect and recognition that all of us enjoy.

Amina Rasul, convenor of the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy, in a letter to the Federation of Greenhills Associations of San Juan, pleads with the residents that "perhaps if you allow us to present to you our way of life, if you give us room in your hearts and minds, if you provide us a chance to get to know us better as fellow citizens in search of a peaceful life, we can banish discrimination."

There are Catholic churches and Catholic schools (including one that has humongous tacky religious images at the entrance) in almost all the Greenhills villages, not to mention a new refurbished Catholic chapel inside the shopping center. All that the Muslim traders request and GSC management plans is to transfer a decade-old prayer center to a new locale. Should we begrudge them even this small concession?

About Samar

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L. Harper

THE ISLAND of Samar for the first 200 years of Spanish rule carried two names. Until 1768, the western coast was called Samar, while the eastern was known as Ibabao. Their people considered themselves different from each other. The first Jesuits priests, Francisco Otaco and Bartolome Martes, and Brother Domingo Alonso tasked with evangelization arrived in 1596. The first church was built in Tinago (present day Dapdap) two years after.

Of Visayan stock, the people were known for their good looks and were a favorite of the Moros who constantly raided them to supply their chiefs and the Bornean slave markets. Many of the ancient poems and songs of the Samareños dealt with the beauty of their woman. From Fr. Francisco Alcina's copious journals that have preserved many of their poems and aphorisms: "Young plunder with your eyes and captivate many/ With only a glance you seize and take more/ Than pirates do their fleets…"

Palapag played an important role in the history of the Galleon Trade since its harbors were a place of refuge both from human depredations and natural calamities. Before proceeding through the Straits of San Bernardino, the galleons would anchor on Cajayagan, Lauan or Balar.

But the Moro raids were not the only threats to the galleons laden with silver from Mexico. In 1620, three Dutch ships awaited the arrival of two galleons from the Embocadero, the San Nicolas and her escort under the command of D. Fernando de Ayala, making their way to Cavite. Seeing the Dutch flags, Ayala fired the only cannon on board and managed to disable the enemy ship. The other two Dutch vessels positioned to attack but luckily night had fallen. In the dark, the galleon was able to race along the coast of Ibabao for Borongan and there unload its precious cargo. A few days later, the escort ship was pursued as well but after a running fight, it beached in Palapag and her treasure and passengers were conveyed to safety.

(In 1621 the Dutch teamed up with the English and blockaded Manila Bay with nine ships. Several Chinese junks were captured, but one intrepid trader boiled sugar in a cauldron and hurled it at the enemy. The Jesuit report states that "they sent 14 Dutchmen to hell in the form of candy." The Dutch didn't think this funny and massacred 220 Chinese in retaliation.)

Jesuits in Ibabao were tasked with posting sentinels with fire torches to warn the galleons of enemy ships. Seeing the fires, the galleon would head north and reach Cavite via Cape Bojeador.

In 1762, the British 60-gun frigate Argo and the Panther with 32 guns sailed the Samar area for 26 days. As the Argo was rounding the island of Capul just inside the Embocadero, she sighted a large vessel in distress. It was the Santisima Trinidad, caught by a storm on her way to Mexico between Japan and Ladrones, limping back to port. She was overpowered and her cargo valued at P2 million taken. They also found the other galleon, Filipino, grounded in the port of Palapag; but finding the silver gone burnt the ship in anger.

Perhaps no other island was subjected to relentless bloodshed and depredations as much as Ibabao and the region of Palapag. In 1637, the Moros captured more than 100 Christians in Ibabao. Separating into two divisions, one proceeded toward Albay and the other remained in the Samar area raiding, pillaging and capturing slaves.

Seeing that the Manila based-government lacked concern, interest and sympathy for the Samareños, the Jesuits together with the people built their own forts as protection (there's a lesson here somewhere) on the different islands of Samar. Smaller ones were constructed in Palapag, Zumarraga and Capul Island and two large ones in Guiuan and Catbalogan.

Perhaps some archaeologist will some day unearth the ruins of what Fr. Juan Jose Delgado mentions: "…[O]n the eastern coast of Samar, Palapag has its ancient wall with a bulwark and a watchtower about half a league from the sea; it has cannons of iron which where left there by a wrecked galleon in early days."

In Guiuan, in 1772, was a square fortress. Each corner had a bastion with six artillery pieces. Inside was the church and convent, four large courtyards, one for the cemetery, another for a garden with a storage room. Facing the sea were six bronze cannons and a huge one of iron with some *lantacas*, staffs, shotguns, muskets and other arms. The townspeople would take turns keeping vigil at night, ringing the bells of the watchtower upon seeing the enemy. Over the gate was the sentry box where 10 soldiers lived, but at the ringing of the bell, a thousand armed men could be assembled.

Here is a story about Father Alcina who served in Samar for over 40 years of his religious life. He ordered a monstrance from Manila with P250 raised by the villagers and matched by funds from the convent. The Jesuit procurator in Manila thought it too good for the people of Samar and more suited to a cathedral in Spain than a village church. Father Alcina answered: "Let the monstrance be made as ordered, for the Blessed Sacrament of the Visayans was just as much God as that of the Spaniards."

(Data from Cantius J. Kobak, OFM, "Historical Survey of Palapag, Samar, and the Sumoroy Rebellion of 1649")

Happy to be Pinoy

YOUNG BLOOD

Cey Enriquez

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

I DARE to say that life is beautiful. More precisely, I dare say it even louder: Life in the Philippines is beautiful.

I could do the usual and recite the common litany of woes. I could cite many reasons why we shouldn't be happy. C'mon, you don't even need to turn on the TV or the radio for your daily dose of bad news. For most of us, looking out the window is enough.

It's true, we live in a country where we don't ask when the peso will again weaken against the dollar, or when electric rates will go up again, or when oil prices will be raised again. We ask by how much these rates will change again. We live in constant anticipation of the next bad thing that will happen.

And who can blame us? We have kept putting our hopes on the next great leader to pull us out of this hole, only to be disappointed and disillusioned and wish that we had just put the last person back in the same post. Our present state no longer surprises us. It only confirms what we thought this country would become based on last year's bleak economic forecast or whatever dire prediction our favorite soothsayer made when the new year began.

We are a race that has gone through so much hardships from the time we were colonized by the Spaniards and then the Americans and the Japanese. Some analysts have described us as a people with a damaged culture, a people who do not know what truly makes us Filipino.

When you look at the economic indicators, they are enough to send your blood pressure shooting up. When your consider the social structure, the first thing that hits you is the ever-increasing gap between the rich and the poor. You examine our culture, and you discover many things to weep about.

Am I now retracting my first statement? After all, there seems to be a connection between that rosy outlook and all these ugly things which most of us know. But I continue to insist that life here is beautiful.

Why? Because I know no other life and I know no other country. This is my country.

Is that not reason enough? Bite me.

If you ask anybody to write an essay about why he should leave this God-forsaken country, he would probably come back to you the next day with a book. Ask another Filipino to write down the reasons he should stay, and he wouldn't come back empty-handed (see how jaded we've all become?). He'll probably come back with a book, too, but it would take him a longer time to do so because he would need to dig up and research, think of profound reasons and do a lot of sugarcoating. The point is, it's not so easy to see what there is to love about this land.

But, when was the last time you made an effort to get to know it better?

Last week, I looked out our office window and saw the sunset on Manila Bay. It was beautiful.

A few months ago, I read about this Filipino cab driver who returned thousands of dollars worth of jewelry to its owner.

Yesterday, I heard my nephew and niece laugh out loud. I felt great.

I never cease to be amazed by my parents' wisdom. And they're both Filipino.

Boracay—ahhh, just the thought of blue skies, white sand and the sun kissing my skin makes me forget, if only for a brief moment, that there are deadlines to meet.

Halo-halo on a hot day. *Sinigang*. *Balut* midnight snack. *Barkada* nights. Forgive me for rattling them off, but I could go on and on and tell you a thousand and more reasons any day in this "God-forsaken" country can be simply beautiful. It's not true that God has forsaken this country. We've merely forgotten to count our blessings.

Yes, there are wars and violence in some parts of Southern Luzon, in Mindanao and probably some other areas, but have you stopped for a moment to think that you could have been born in Iraq? Yes there is poverty, hunger, sickness, but have you ever stopped to think of Somalia? You curse the traffic and gridlock, but have you ever considered that we could be living in some place where there are no roads. My point is that things could be worse.

I'm not saying we should be complacent. I'm not saying we should stop striving to improve the situation in our country and just accept the way things are. But if this is the only way to stop people from focusing on what's ugly in this country, then we ought to spread the word.

I don't think we could begin to work to make things better in this land unless we first see what is worth saving. We complain so much about what we see around us, we consume all our energies noticing what is ugly, what is to be condemned, what should be yet another reason to leave, and we stop there.

If we exerted even just half of the effort we spend complaining to do some introspection, that would be a good start. If we took some time to think of what we as citizens could offer, we would stop underestimating ourselves as a people. And it would be easier for us not just to hope but, more importantly, to do the things that need to be done to improve our lot.

We need to see what's broken, to see what needs to be fixed. And in our case, it wouldn't hurt to take some time to look at what's good to understand how it can be made better.

Again, I dare to say that life here in the Philippines is beautiful. I dare you to say it, too.

Cey Enriquez, 23, works as a copywriter for an ad agency.

THEY SAID

Martyr

"To be Echo's (Jericho Rosales) girlfriend means it's OK for everyone to kick your ass even though they know that you don't have any fault."

—Model and actress Cindy Kurleto, revealing what she had to endure when she was going steady with the actor who had to protect his love team with another actress

Wasteful expenditure

"It is just a nonstarter, in my opinion, a total waste of time and money."

—Harvard psychologist Dr. Richard McNally, criticizing the US government-funded study on whether prayers actually work

The INQUIRER is a member of the
PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE
The National Association of Philippine Newspapers

Palace's empty talk

NAME names. The Palace challenges Bishop Oscar Cruz in his latest *jueteng* exposé. Is the Palace kidding?

Chavit Singson named eight *jueteng* lords in his exposé which led to the ouster of Joseph Estrada from the presidency. The alleged gambling lords are still very much around and *jueteng* continues to flourish in their respective territories. Recently, one even got elected governor of a southern Tagalog province where Bishop Gaudencio Rosales was a long time archbishop before his transfer to Manila. Were they ever charged by government, or is government building cases against them?

Name names? We can only expect look-good commentaries and investigations by everyone who wants to ride on the issue. And then what?

Tuloy ang bolahan. Tuloy ang lagayan. Mabuhay ang jueteng (The empty talk will go on. So will the payola. Long live *jueteng*)!

—**JESS CORDERO,**
sweet_pep@yahoo.com

Factual errors not debatable

THE RAGING controversy on the alleged errors found in a history textbook brings to light the issues on how to check and safeguard the content accuracy of a textbook.

Having served as textbook authors, evaluators, editors and consultants, we recognize the complexity of textbook writing and publishing. The content accuracy of a textbook is the joint responsibility of the authors, reviewers, editors, staff of the publishing house and the Textbook Board evaluators.

The content expertise of all those involved in producing a textbook is of utmost importance. For instance, a content expert for a science textbook should be a scientist (e.g., one with a Ph.D. in Chemistry for a Chemistry textbook); for a history book, a historian. The Textbook Board evaluators for a book need to include at least one recognized content expert.

Multiple checkpoints are essential, too, in a complex process such as textbook publishing. Redundant checking, for example, by two or more staff (of a publishing house) proofreading or combing a book's content for grammatical and factual errors, apart from electronic checking, helps to reduce human error to a minimum.

As writers, we have experienced making corrections that did not see print at all and have agonized over seeing our names as authors of a textbook with errors. Quality controls are necessary in a publishing house. Reputable publishers abroad are models of rigor, thoroughness, and content accuracy. What are their procedures for quality control? These need to be considered along with the product.

Content accuracy is the bottom-line criterion of a quality textbook. While writing style and approaches are open to discussion, errors in content like factual errors are not debatable. The current controversy need not rage, after all.

—**DINA OCAMPO AND**
CONCERNED FACULTY MEMBERS,
UP College of Education
Diliman, Quezon City

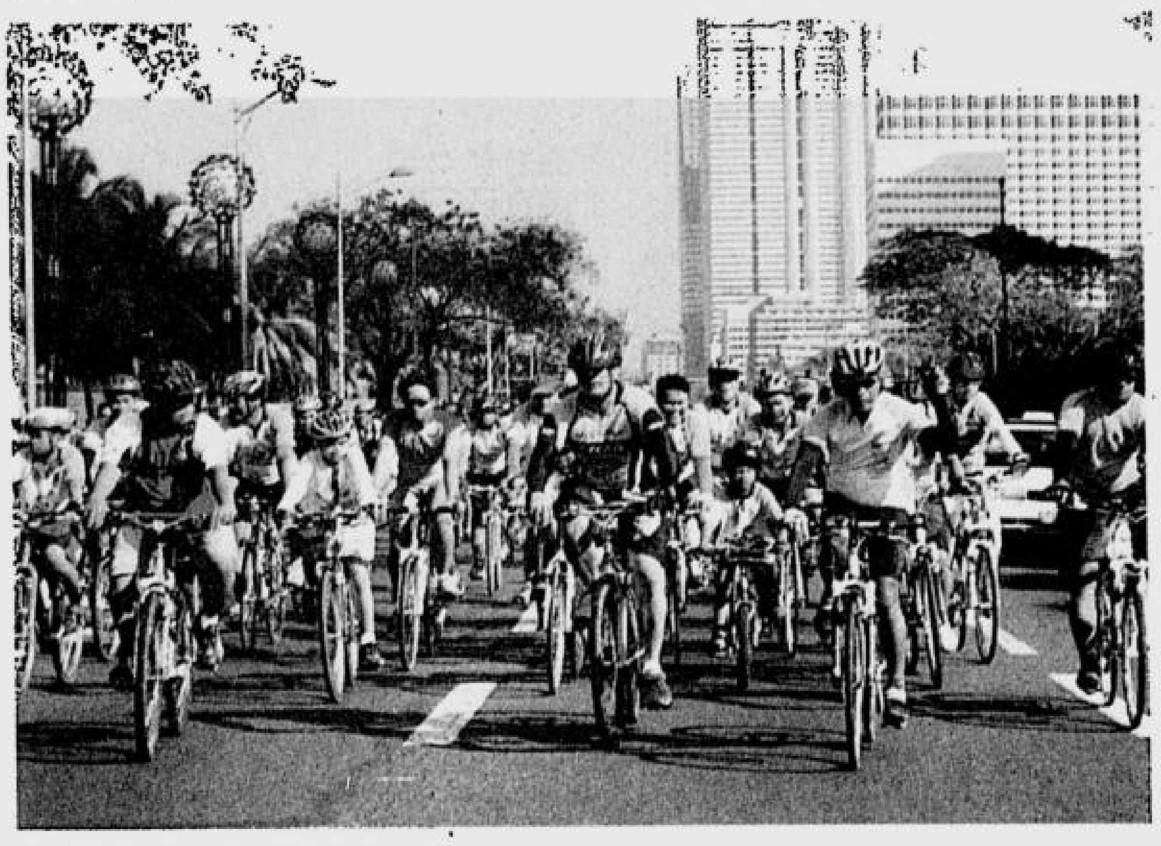
Arroyo's test

WITH THE RECENT survey of the Social Weather Stations showing that 15 percent of the population live in hunger, coupled with the protest rallies of government employees against GSIS president and general manager Winston Garcia, the economy is doubtless going from worse to worst.

There is also the planned nationwide strike of transport groups, which are also demanding the resignation of Metro Manila Development Authority chair Bayani Fernando. This will not only paralyze businesses throughout the country; it will put in doubt the capability of the Arroyo administration to solve our problems.

President Macapagal-Arroyo should take swift action to sack these officials. Procrastination and the *mañana* habit will not do her administration any good.

—**GODOFREDO P. PETEZA SR.,**
JP Rizal Street,
Barangay Camambungan,
4600 Daet, Camarines Norte



Time to ride our bikes

GAS prices are going up every month and cars aren't getting any cheaper. It's great that companies such as Toyota and Honda are selling cars with great city-driving mileage, but economical cars won't stop the rise in oil prices or curb global warming.

Don't get me wrong, I am not a tree hugger when I say that more people should ride bikes to work, especially people like me who live a mere five kilometers from the office. Regular joggers eat that type of distance for breakfast! And here I am driving my car to work every day after doing 35 km on my bicycle in a closed car-less circuit.

Yes, it does sound weird, but people who want to ride their bikes to work just can't because offices do not have the necessary facilities that would encourage employees to jog or ride their bikes to work. There are no bike racks, no dressing rooms and no shower rooms.

If only the government would make such facilities a requirement in workplaces, think about how many cars will be left in the garage. Think about how much the traffic will improve. Not to mention the part such measure will play in helping delay the effects of global warming.

"The Day After Tomorrow," anyone? The government should start looking at other avenues to lessen the effects of gas prices on our population.

—**PAOLO RAYMOND M. TIANGCO,**
PTiangco@acnielsen.com.ph

Teachers: part of the solution

LAST October 5, the Philippines joined the celebrations marking the World Teachers' Day—a first for the country . Why it took us 33 years before finally deciding to celebrate World Teachers' Day is reflective of how our government and society regard educators, especially those in the public school system. Before, at least five out of 10 children dreamt of becoming teachers. These days try suggesting that to a child and he or she will give you a blank stare. Before, people talked about their teachers with respect and admiration. Nowadays, they remember teachers based on the goods he or she sold at school.

Indeed, the pathetic results of the High School Readiness Test (HSRT) was a wakeup call on the alarming state of the public education system. For several weeks, the media reported on the lack of classrooms, textbooks, chairs, etc. Not one reported on public school teachers' poor working conditions. The entry level pay of teachers in public schools is only P10,000—way below the poverty threshold income of P16,032.00. For the teacher to get promoted to the next position, he or she would have to get a master's degree. If the teacher has to support a family, how can he or she pay for further studies? Scholarship opportunities for educators are either hard to find or too difficult to access because of politics. So what many do is to obtain loans, never mind the high interest rates. When the poor teacher finishes his or her master's, he or she would most likely have to play politics for promotion at the division level. Unknown to many, the hiring, firing, transfer and promotions of teachers have become highly politicized.

Back in the classroom, how can we expect our public school teachers to deliver quality instruction when they have to handle at least 60 students in a class? It is also not known that in almost all public schools there are teachers who give allowances to poor but deserving students, so that they can continue their studies. And in far-flung areas of the country, there are teachers who have to hike for two hours just to get to the school.

Yes, quality education means giving students enough textbooks, classrooms, chairs, etc. But quality education is also about enabling teachers to live decently. The less we have to think of where to get our next meal or where to find "*padrinos*," the more time we have to concentrate on improving our instruction. Public school teachers are not the problem; we are part of the solution.

—**TARCELA FAROLAN, president**
Teachers' Organization in the
Philippine Public
Sector (TOPPS)
Project 6, Quezon City

Diving complications

A FEW years back, President Macapagal-Arroyo went scuba diving in Palawan. At that time, my advice was against the President diving for the following reasons:

1. Despite our beautiful corals, we don't have enough recompression facilities.

2. There seems to be a lack of understanding of the complications of diving, like the danger of flying after diving.

These are just a few things to consider.

With regard to the photographer (PDI, 10/2/04), there are questions that should be answered like did he run out of air, was the air good, did he need recompression, what where his symptoms?

I hope that tourism fellows will think about the complications of diving and make available recompression facilities for scuba divers who may get into trouble.

—**RAMON S. SUTER, M.D.,**
Unit C, 3/F Karina Bldg.,
33 Shaw Blvd., Pasig City

All-female coach scheme not practical

I AM a regular commuter on the Monumento-Taft line of the mass railway transit and am very used to the rush-hour volume of passengers using the trains. I am happy to see the trains used to their fullest extent, as this means that their operation will remain financially viable and, therefore, continue to help reduce traffic congestion in Metro Manila.

However, the system making the front three carriages exclusive to ladies and senior citizens may be counterproductive. Did anyone conduct a survey as to the ratio of male travelers to female? On countless trains, I have observed almost empty front carriages followed by jam-packed carriages. There are far too many male passengers waiting on the platform to be accommodated by the remaining carriages. Not only are the male passengers in the majority, but they are typically larger in size.

While I appreciate the system's intention to protect the safety of female and elderly passengers, it should be done in such a way as not to disadvantage the male passengers who pay the same fares. Why not add extra carriages to the trains and make them exclusive? Why not reduce the number of exclusive carriages to one, rather than three?

If the system goes on, I for one will stop using the train on a daily basis and return to using my car. Waiting for 30 minutes to get into a train when there are empty carriages at the front of each is too much to bear.

—**VINCE PARR**
WolfPac Mobile Inc.
6th Floor, Peninsula Court
8735 Makati Avenue, Makati City

Pork-less Congress before Congress-less government

ROMULO Macalintal's idea of a Congress-less government (PDI, 10/8/04) makes sense. But it will make better sense if we start now, not by 2005, with a "pork-less" Congress. Over P175 billion derived from legislative pork will soften the fiscal crisis. Add to this the benefits that will be derived from the restructuring of salaries in the bureaucracy and government-owned and -controlled corporations so that nobody gets a higher pay than the President's; and limiting the allocations for perks (e.g., intelligence and other contigencies) to offices and agencies of the executive branch whose official functions require so.

But it would be even better if the government would do away with the GOCCs and have them privatized. To my mind, government should regulate, not compete with business. It is essentially a regulatory body, not a profit-making institution. Its operation is funded by revenues derived from the taxpaying public. Its profit is the satisfaction of the people it governs and serves. There should be no fear, therefore, that the salary restructuring would drive away good executives to the private sector. After all that would be to the advantage of the private sector which is the source of the funds for the operation of government.

Instead of calling upon the public to contribute to the so-called Bayanihan Fund, government should improve and intensify the collection of taxes.

Among the urgent tasks of the present administration is poverty alleviation for which it should use mony that would be saved from the abolition of legislative pork, removal or reduction of unnecessary or redundant perks, and the restructuring of salaries in the bureaucracy and the GOCCs. The reforms being proposed by the Palace and Congress are long-term measures whose benefits will take a long while to be felt.

—**MAJ. GEN. FORTUNATO U. ABAT**
fortunatouabat@yahoo.com

IF you have any complaints, grievances or suggestions about the treatment of news and photos by the Inquirer, you may write to the Readers' Advocate, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Avenue, corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, City of Makati or send a fax to Nos. 897-4793, 897-4794, or e-mail readersadvocate@ inquirer.com.ph

Writers of letters to the editor are requested to include their complete address and telephone or pager number or e-mail address for verification purposes. The Inquirer will not publish any letter unless such information is supplied.

INQBOX

Dear Readers, Text us your comments, suggestions and views on today's news or how it was delivered. Tell us about the news you are interested in and the things you want improved in your favorite newspaper. Text INQUIRER <section keyword> name/city/message and send to 283 (Smart) or 2207 (Globe). The section keywords are indicated in the logo of each section.

Change the world. We can make this world a better place. As a Filipino, I can make a difference in our country…

by being HONEST.
—**Archie Flores,** *Iloilo City*

through LOVE OF COUNTRY.
—**EMMANUEL A. APATAN,** *Cotabato City*

By not depending on the gov't to feed, clothe & provide me with shelter. Being able-bodied, I can work for that myself.—**Joan Marie B. Bargas,** *Roxas City*

By Being VIGILANT with what is happening around Us and STAND with d OPPRESSED.—**MA. LUISA TUMLOS,** *Manila*

by simply being HONEST 2 d people and GOD-Fearing cos FILIPINOS are Thirsty of HONEST and GOD-fearing LEADERS 4 our country.—**EFREN S. ALCANTARA,** *QC*

by being a good example n being proud 2 be a Filipino. by being honest, determined n disciplined myself 2 others.—**VANESSA CABARRON,** *Tagum city*

not leaving d philippines.
—**joyce ann clavecillas,** *iloilo*

Sharing what I have with the less fortunate ones, imparting them my skills and knowledge.
—**Jeanette Brillo,** *Iloilo City*

by doing right things in ur self, 2 ur family. set a good example so u can encourage others 2 do things right.—**Michael Fegi,** *Makati*

I can make a difference in our country BY PAYING THE RIGHT TAXES and electing the RIGHT Officials who will Fight CORRUPTION.
—**L. GUERRERO,** *BAY, Laguna*

Making myself well-informed of d issues d country is facing, den being smart 2 judge 4 myself & make a stand.
—**Jose Valenzuela,** *calamba city*

What should be done to high-ranking AFP officials alleged to have millions of pesos in ill-gotten wealth?

HANG these persons upside down and SKIN THEM ALIVE while putting SALT AND VINEGAR and let them dry UNDER THE BLAZING SUN.
-**nido hipolito,** *davao city*

put dem n d firing squad. they betray d people and pity d foot soldiers hu are in d frontline. assign dem at rebel-infested area and in the front line!—**renato p.,** *mkti*

demote them to private and let them fight in Mindanao alongside the enlisted men.
—**juan miguel cacho,** *parañaque*

assign Afp grafters in Iraq without pay.—**obet huele,** *cavite*

due process shud b strictly implemented n followed. 4 luv of country, voluntary resignation of officers above Maj. Run by stil idealistic young officers hu feel d plight of soldiers n people. Jus lyk d Katipunan.
—**Gilbert,** *Pque*

dey shud b meted w death penalty! Deyr using d pipols money! Justice 2 d veterans &other soldiers! Death 2d corrupt!
—**arnel condes,** *quezon city*

He must be investigated & given due process. If found guilty, mete out penalty for economic sabotage.
—**Aurelio P. Doctor Jr.,** *Las Piñas*

ang dpat nyo itanong eh kung dapat bang i-death penalty uung mga heneral na magnanakaw?
—**Lou de Leon,** *qc*

kailangan muna ng masusing imbestigasyon sa lahat ng officials bago sila husgaan, pra nasa kaayusan ang lahat.
—**pia oliveros,** *alabat, Quezon*

"ALL" high ranking AFP officials shud b exposed, prosecuted & put behind bars if proven "GUILTY"
—**Edwin B. Trinidad,** *DOSCST, Davao*

due process shud b strictly implemented n followed. MAHIYA sila! ang laki na nga ng budget pra sa kanila as opposed 2 education n social services. —**d.selvio,** *angono*

Punishment must not önly cOvr cOrupt AFP Ofcials but all cOrrupt employees Of all agencies. Dey must b prosecuted & çOurt martialled.
—**Ma. Kristine Jimenez,** *Legazpi*

tried n if found guilty, imprisoned 4 life, wealth confiscated includin dos f his immediate family who shud b punished as well.
—**hazel ciriaco,** *pasay*

confiscate, sell n use proceeds 4 debt servicing. Return watever public funds was stolen via corruption to reduce RP debt.
—**susan dy,** *metro manila*

a lie detector test is simple yet effective.—**sheila martir,** *pangasinan*

they shud b tried 2 d fullest extent of d law… Corruption shud not erode d very institution aimed at protecting us Filipinos!
—**VAN V. Aberia,** *iloilo city*

they should be executed by the NPA. Don't trust congress, senate, judiciary or any commission. With billions amassed.—**Edna,** *quezon city*

ikulong: tanggal sa serbisyo at walang benepisyo
—**Deogracias Dy,** *Tacloban city*

Ipakain ng buhay sa mga buwaya, tutal buwaya rin naman sila!
—**cynthia g. enriquez,** *marikina*

get bak their wealth n use it 2 fill in d country's deficit! Let them live a simple life, they'll never survive widout being rich. give them a taste of d aMASSing poverty problems we face bcoz of their greed n corruption.
—**charlene caoili,** *quezon city*

dey should b court marshalled & reprimanded in front of d personnel of d AFP 2 prove dat d AFP doesn't condone such action.
—**Gerard Gumban,** *davao city*

there should be lifestyle checks whether suspiciOns are true because some are just goOd businessmen /officials. prOven evidence.
—**carra panghulan,** *qc*

if pruven gilty, sibakin na!! Kurakot! Yumayman cla sa pagnanakaw at pandadaya! Sell der properties den give 2 da poor!
—**maeh de luna,** *pasay city*

they shud b jaild under poorest conditions &their millions be equally distributed in cash, not kind, 2 d poor soldiers.
—**Lisa Dalisay,** *Quezon City*

they shld be mandatd tO answer charges in 48 hrs, via live telecast. they are liable 2 FilipinOs, not 2 d pOliticians
—**ma.rhoda lagos,** *laguna*

Impeach!
—**Romeo Talampas,** *Biñan*

dey must b dismissed from service, forced 2 pay 4 everything dey took +interest, then send them straight to prison.
—**A.Espicitu,** *Mkti*

They shud answer & PAY 4DeR MISDEEDS; MUST return d mOnies &properties unconscionably amassed &DISHONESTLY ACQUIRED by virtue of der offices.
—**MARIA SIERDA,** *Z.C*

Dey shd be put in d frontline of d anti-terrorist campaign vs d abu sayf, offer dem as hostages instead, & their assets recovered.
—**cielo lim,** *cebu*

a lie detector test is simple yet effective.—**Shiela martir,** *pangasinan*

Firing squad ang dapat s AFP oficials n yan pra wag pmarisan! D cla tgpagtanggol ng ma3yan bagkus tagatago ng nakaw na yaman.
—**Victoria Sangalang,** *Dagupan*

If found true, parade dem on d streets b4 millions of poor Filipinos & let dem die in shame & guilt, dat is, if dey have any.
—**jose rene reysoma,** *malabon*

i agree gen. garcia is corrupt but i'm appalled at d way legislators are after him. Ang magnanakaw galit sa kapwa magnanakaw.
—**Jack Rubiano,** *Samal, Bataan*

WE should make busts of these Afp officials & install them in a public memorial of shame–An eternal &permanent reminder of their crime against our children, and against our children's children.
—**Delbert Casano,** *Los Baños, Laguna*

they shud be arrested bcoz dey r nOt juz corrupting but deyr also murdering our own money from d hardworking Filipinos.
—**don johnson b. Torayno,** *cagayan de oro city*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2004
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
A3

Across the NATION

NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074)443-9255
Fax No. (074)443-8971
E-mail: inq_baguio@inquirer.com.ph

SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU
23 Aurora St., Old Albay District
Legazpi City
Tel. No. (052) 820-8402
Fax No. (052) 820-1274
E-mail: inq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

E-mail: pr_provincial_news@inquirer.com.ph
Text us your feedback: inquirer atn name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) *Assistant Editor* Tony Bergonia

VISAYAS BUREAU
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: inq_cebu@inquirer.com.ph

MINDANAO BUREAU
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. No. (082)244-1770 to 71
Fax No. (082)244-1771
E-mail: inq_davao@inquirer.com.ph

NBI exec fired over slain lawyer's case

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Lawyer Reynaldo Esmeralda was relieved as National Bureau of Investigation director for Central Visayas (NBI-7) after President Macapagal-Arroyo was disappointed with the handling of the investigation of the killing of lawyer Arbet Sta. Ana Yongco.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said the relief order was issued on Friday afternoon, shortly after he received a call from President Arroyo who was in Cebu at that time.

He said the President "had expressed disappointment" and was "quite exasperated, maybe even angry at what has been happening there ... the NBI was going in one direction and the PNP (Philippine National Police) was going on another direction."

"...In fact, she called me twice about it. She said she is very much concerned that stories are going around in Cebu about the possible cover-ups in this case, one way or the other," he added.

Ms Arroyo was in Cebu from Oct. 13 to 15 for a series of activities.

Asked if the President was aware of rumors that Esmeralda was close to a political clan in Surigao, which is an ally of the Ecleos, Gonzalez said yes.

Gonzalez said he also heard such reports because prior to his appointment in Cebu, Esmeralda was assigned to Cáraga region, which includes Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur.

To avoid these suspicions, Gonzalez said he immediately ordered the relief of Esmeralda.

NBI executive director Nelson Bartolome would sit as acting director while NBI director Reynaldo Wycoco has yet to name Esmeralda's replacement.

Yongco was the private prosecutor in the parricide case against cult leader Ruben Ecleo Jr. for the murder of his wife, Alona Bacolod-Ecleo.

She was shot dead by a lone gunman on Oct. 11 inside her office located on the ground floor of her house in Barangay Zapatera, this city.

Esmeralda on Sunday denied that he was relieved from NBI-7, saying he just took a five-day leave of absence. He claimed there was an ongoing demolition job against him.

Esmeralda had been under fire for prematurely disclosing the suspect in the killing of Yongco.

He had told the INQUIRER that one Michael Favila, an ex-Army soldier, matched the description of the lone gunman.

Esmeralda later denied implicating Favila, saying the NBI had another suspect who was reportedly a former military man who was said to be a bodyguard of Ecleo.

It later turned out that the NBI and the PNP had separate suspects, which reportedly bothered President Arroyo. .

Councilor Jack Jakosalem, who was with the President from Oct. 13 to 15, said Ms Arroyo decided to call up Gonzalez past 1 p.m. on Friday after talking to the Yongco family at the murdered lawyer's wake.

SC suspends judge who stepped into Ecleo case

By Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—The Supreme Court has suspended a regional trial court judge pending resolution of the administrative cases filed against him, including deciding on the case of a confessed accomplice in the murder of Alona Bacolod-Ecleo even if he was ordered not to handle new cases.

The SC resolution did not indicate the length of the suspension imposed on Judge Ildefonso Suerte of RTC Branch 60 in Barili town, 61.1 km southwest of this city.

In its 12-page order dated Oct. 12, the SC told Suerte to show cause in 15 days from notice why he should not be dismissed from the service.

Deputy Court Administrator Christopher Lock yesterday said the SC resolution would take effect immediately after Suerte receives his copy.

Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. had ordered Lock to conduct an inventory of all the cases filed before Suerte.

In his memorandum to SC, Lock said that based on his inventory, Suerte had committed at least eight violations in several cases he was handling.

One of these violations, he said, was Suerte's failure to act on 170 cases, which had long been filed in his *sala*.

Suerte also violated Davide's administrative order dated March 3, where the judge was told not to handle new cases as he was due to retire in January 2005.

Defiance

But Lock said Suerte took cognizance of 18 new civil and three criminal cases, including the murder case filed against a confessed accomplice in the killing of Alona Bacolod-Ecleo.

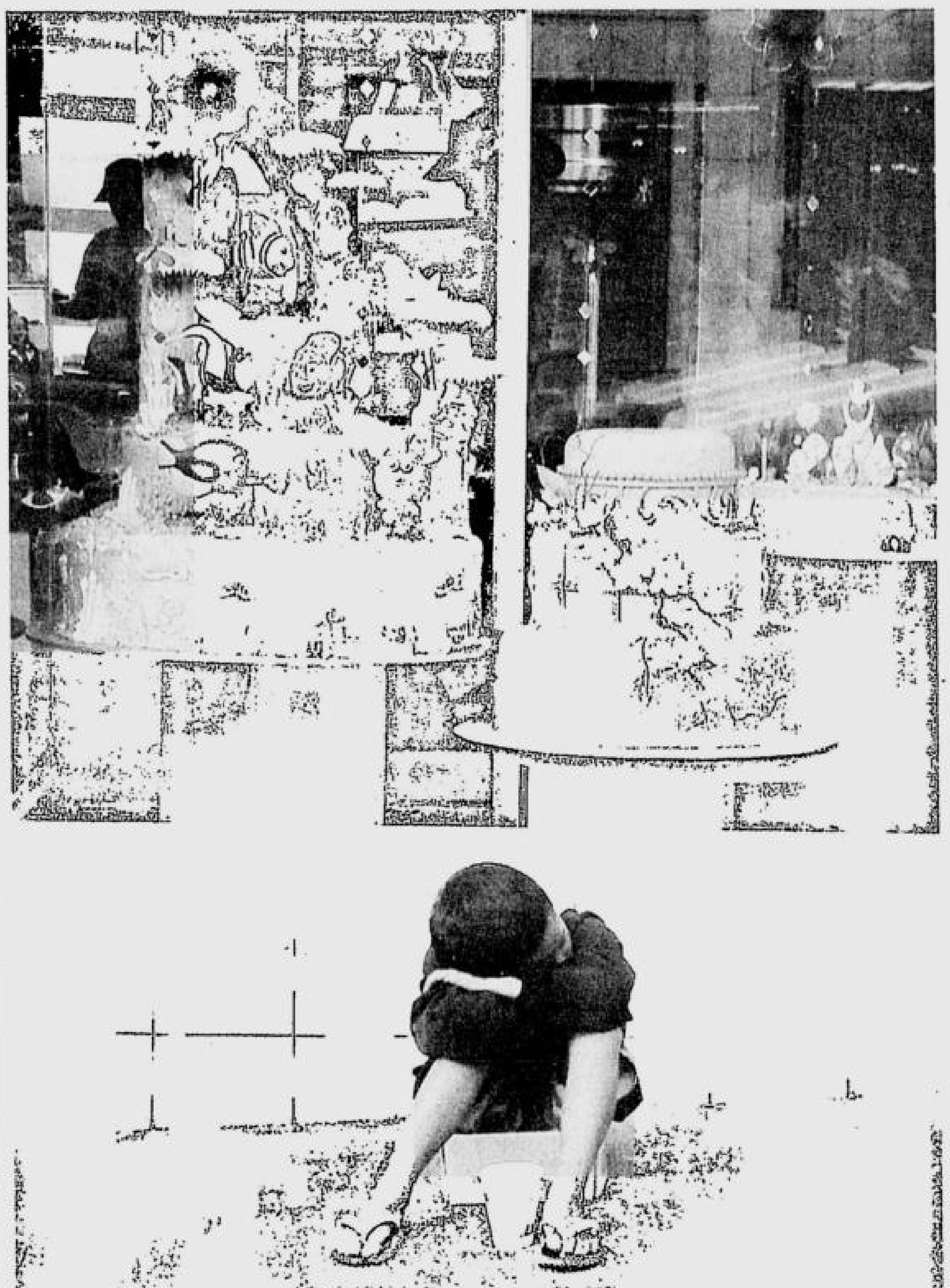
Suerte convicted Cedrick Devinadera of accessory to murder on May 7, 2004, sentencing him to 4 to 8 years imprisonment after he confessed that he allegedly helped the late Ben Bacolod kill his own sister on Jan. 5, 2002.

The judge handed down the verdict even if the highly publicized parricide case filed against cult leader Ruben Ecleo Jr. was still pending in another court in Cebu City.

Ben could not, however, defend himself as he was killed with his parents and a sister in the Bacolod family massacre in Mandaue City in June 2002.

Ecleo, "supreme master" of the Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association, is accused of killing his wife Alona. He is out on a P1-million bail and is in Manila to undergo treatment for heart ailment.

The SC also noted a fabricated transcript of stenographic notes in one of the decisions Suerte rendered in another case for declaration of nullity of marriage.



SWEET DREAMS
TOOTS SOBERANO/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU
A young beggar takes his usual spot on Session Road in Baguio City in front of a window display of cakes which might as well be the stuff he dreams of as he sleeps on the cold pavement.

Solar system ends island's days in the dark

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Pangapuyan Island is only about 12 kilometers east of here but for the past years, its residents had to contend with darkness and the pale light provided by kerosene lamps at night.

During those years, the kerosene lamps had helped the residents, who belong to the Samah Bangingi and Badjao tribes, in preparing their meals especially during Ramadan.

"Before, during this time of Puasa (fasting period) we start the day as early as two o'clock dawn using only kerosene lamps. Our mobility was limited with just that flicker of light and it was very difficult to prepare the food," Bashri Sali, one of the residents, said.

But this year's observation of the Ramadan for islanders has become different.

They no longer light the old kerosene lamps as their houses are now fitted with electric bulbs.

The change started to come in March when the Alliance for Mindanao Off-Grid Renewable Energy (Amore) program installed solar panels to meet the power needs of the island.

Light house

These days, whenever a power outage hits the city, the lights of Pangapuyan Island illuminate the dark horizon.

"Our island is among the four islands that serve as a light house if the peripheries are in total darkness, our island provides a sense of safety and security for wandering fishermen and sea travelers," said Sali, 27, a member of the Barangay Renewable Energy and Community Development Associations (Brecdas).

"Indeed, Allah loves us. He did not forget us, we are very proud because we got electricity direct from Allah," Dalmia Mujahin, a 19-year-old villager, said.

Andrew Natsios, administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the country, said during a visit to Pangapuyan on Friday that the change started with "a piece of paper."

Natsios said the villagers, through Amore, wrote the USAID and expressed their desire to energize the island.

Amore is a partnership between the Department of Energy and business firms such as energy giant Mirant-Philippines and Winrock International and other organizations.

Energy Undersecretary Cyrill del Callar, who also came on Friday, told Pangapuyan residents that the government was happy with the change that came to the island.

Overwhelmed

But the islanders were not just happy, they were overwhelmed.

"Allah brought safety and comfort to our homes, for us Ramadan has become more meaningful," Mujahin said.

Sali told US Ambassador to the Philippines Francis Ricciardone, the highest ranking US government official to have set foot on the island, that the energy provided by the solar panels would help parents raise their children as true Muslims.

"Our schoolchildren and youths can now read Koran comfortably even at night and they can spend more time at our mosque," he said. *Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

New Subic chief says he'll put freeport on world map

By Allan Macatuno
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE—Instead of making revolutionary changes, new Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Chair Francisco Licuanan III said on Monday he would gradually usher in development inside this former American naval base to further put Subic in the world map.

Delivering his first ever public speech after President Macapagal-Arroyo appointed him to the post, Licuanan vowed to "build on what has been already built and go on from there."

"When you have accomplished a lot, you are expected to accomplish more," Licuanan said during the turnover ceremony of the SBMA leadership. He commended outgoing SBMA Chair Felicito Payumo for his achievements in his six-year term.

"Frankly speaking, I have no doubts that Tong (Payumo) would go a long way," he said.

Licuanan said when he was asked to take this job, the only thing that "attracted" him was the potential of this freeport zone to compete globally.

"If we can't do it here in Subic, where else can we do it?" he asked.

The former president of Ayala Land Inc. also hailed the "wonderful dedication" and "hard work" put in by SBMA employees to gain for Subic various awards and commendations.

"I urge you to join me in this new administration's quest to carry out our task and role in national development," he told SBMA officials and employees.

Alfredo Antonio, incoming SBMA administrator, vowed to help mitigate the country's deficit by being more efficient "so that every peso redounds to the improvement of the freeport's future income and economic growth."

Land agency merger angers tribe execs

KIDAPAWAN CITY—Various indigenous peoples groups in the country were outraged by President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to merge the National Commission on the Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) with two other government agencies to form the Department of Land Reform.

Former NCIP Commissioner Edtami Mansayagan said the move was taken as a major blunder by many lumad groups across the regions because it violated the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (Ipra).

"This move of the President shocked many, some were even outraged by it, because the move was just not right," Mansayagan said over radio station dxND here Saturday.

Mansayagan said the lumad groups expressed their opposition to Executive Order 364 during a series of consultations he attended.

He said during the consultations, the lumad groups agreed that President Arroyo should have first consulted leaders of indigenous communities before she issued the order.

"This needs consultation because this involves the lumad. The law says that any policy concerning the IPs, no matter how good these policies are, the lumad needs to be consulted," Mansayagan said.

Ponciano Binagen, former dean of the anthropology department of the University of the Philippines, who spoke over the same radio station, said the Ipra already contains the bundle of rights of the lumad: right to self-governance, cultural integrity, ancestral domain, social justice and human rights. *Jeffrey M. Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Appeals court stops land deal between Cavite, firm

By Norman Bordadora

THE COURT of Appeals has issued a temporary restraining order on the compromise agreement between the government of Cavite and private firm Goldenrod Inc., covering a 22-year dispute over more than 26 hectares in Trece Martires City.

In a resolution penned by Associate Justice Amelita Tolentino, the CA 11th Division gave due course to the petition for the annulment of the Trece Martires Regional Trial Court's decision approving the compromise agreement.

Cavite Vice Gov. Juanito Victor Remulla filed the petition for the annulment of the Trece Martires court's "blessing" on the compromise agreement and the petition for the TRO after seeing that the compromise agreement was grossly disadvantageous to the province.

"The province stands to lose P500 million in land and in cash (if the compromise agreement gets underway)," Remulla said.

The TRO gets in the way of the compromise agreement that Cavite's provincial board, ironically presided over by Remulla as the vice governor, approved unanimously.

Cavite Gov. Ireneo Maliksi entered into the agreement with Sonya Mathay and Eleuterio Pascual on Feb. 27. It was approved by the Trece Martires City court on March 18.

Remulla said the provincial board should have given Maliksi authority to enter into an agreement before he met with Mathay and Pascual but it acted late and ratified the agreement in August.

"I don't have a vote... (All I could do was) ask them to retract their votes because it's grossly disadvantageous to the province. It's wrong," Remulla said.

The agreement entered into by Gov. Ireneo Maliksi with Sonya Mathay and Eleuterio Pascual on Feb. 27 this year mandates the province to return more than 19 ha of the 26 ha in disputed land.

The 26-hectare property has been possessed by the provincial government by virtue of a 1982 court order and was developed with the construction of a sports complex, a forest park, a cemetery and a relocation site for squatters.

Mathay and Pascual have since disputed the expropriation of the 26 ha, saying they already bought the land from original owner Marietta de Villa.

Mathay and Pascual also sought to nullify the donation in 1957 of 13 ha by the De Villa family to the province of Cavite.

The 13 ha has since been used by the Cavite government to transfer the provincial capitol from Cavite City to Trece Martires City.

Hospitals have also been built on the 13 ha used as a government center.

Manila police colonel shot dead in ambush

From page A1

killing.

"First, I don't have any reports from any NPA units related to the incident. Second, Martinez, as far as I know, did not have any grave blood debts against the people," Rosal said in a mobile phone interview.

Rosal added: "With the high-handed style of execution, that's not the mark of an NPA job. The police should look for other suspects."

Martinez died at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay (UERM) Memorial Hospital less than an hour after gunmen pumped eight bullets into his chest and back.

Partisano claim

The assailants escaped by commandeering a jeepney.

Police were looking into several angles, including the alleged claim of the Partisano group that it killed Martinez because he had allegedly killed urban poor organizers and attacked protesters.

A statement from the group, which claimed to be the former Alex Boncayao Brigade, was found at the crime scene by a radio reporter, who turned it over to the police.

Martinez had just alighted from his maroon Toyota Prado at the parking lot of the police station along Santol Extension, near Old Sta. Mesa Street, when his attackers struck, said Senior Insp. Dominador Arevalo, homicide investigator of the Western Police District.

The ambush

Some of the gunmen were standing on the elevated portion of Ramon Magsaysay Boulevard, which overlooks the parking lot. The others were positioned along Santol Extension.

They were armed with an M-16 rifle and .45-cal. and 9mm pistols. None of the gunmen bothered to cover their faces, investigators said.

PO1 Conrad Ceciliano had just come out of the police station and was about to greet Martinez when he was shot in the thigh.

A bystander on Santol Extension, Janet Chan, was struck in the back by a stray bullet.

Investigators said that, after the attack, the assailants tried to stop a G-liner passenger bus along Magsaysay Boulevard bound for Taytay and fired at its windshield. The bullet missed the driver but grazed the right arm of conductor Alberto Guadania, 24.

Passengers panicked

Instead of boarding the bus, the gunmen commandeered a passenger jeepney bound for Cubao. Passengers jumped out as the gunmen ordered the driver to move on.

The five gunmen got off on V. Mapa Street.

The WPD released an artist's sketch of two of the assailants. One was described as 20 to 25 years old, fair-skinned and 5'4 tall. The other was around 27 to 30 years old, fair-skinned and 5'5 to 5'6 tall.

Martinez was still alive when he reached the hospital but died at 9:50 a.m., WPD director Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong said. Doctors tried to revive him but gave up at 10:15 a.m.

Bulaong said the other angles the police were looking into were the involvement of drugs and other crime groups whom Martinez might have busted in the past.

Arevalo also said the possible involvement of the Partisano group of the Partido Marxista-Leninista ng Pilipinas (PLMP) was also being studied.

In the statement by spokesperson Mikhail Leongson, the group said Martinez's killing was the only way to stop his attacks on protesters, especially those belonging to the urban poor.

A senior police official belonging to the intelligence community warned that Martinez's killing could just be a "sample."

Citing intelligence information, the official said other ranking officers consistently antagonizing leftist groups during protest rallies could be next on the hit list.

The mayor ordered all police stations in Manila to fly the Philippine flag at half-staff. *With reports from Edson Castro Tandoc Jr., Christian V. Esguerra and Tarra V. Quismundo in Manila and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Slain cop led face-offs vs protesters from left and right

By Leila B. Salaverria

LITTLE did his assassins know that when Supt. Manolo Martinez was still alive, one of his wishes was that, on his death, his eyes would be donated to the eye bank.

Martinez's wife, Lucila, revealed this in a television interview hours after unidentified gunmen shot her husband dead in an ambush near the Sta. Mesa police station, where he was the commander.

"He told me when he was still alive that he wanted his eyes to be turned over to the eye bank," she said.

For the past two years, either as station commander or a member of the civil disturbance group, Martinez had been one of the most visible officials of the Western Police District, leading his men in face-offs with protesters of various stripes.

Martinez took over the post of commander of the Sta. Mesa police station only on Oct. 1 and was in charge of securing the Chino Roces Bridge, a popular rally venue which leads to Malacañang Palace.

Before that, he had a short stint at the Civil Disturbance Management Group of the WPD after his relief as the Sampaloc police commander, a post he held for over a year.

Brushes with protesters

While in Sampaloc, Martinez faced various militant or urban poor groups which would often converge at España Boulevard before marching to Malacañang.

He was also the one who led the rough dispersal in February this year of supporters of opposition presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr. who wanted to march to the Supreme Court on Taft Avenue at the height of the controversy over Poe's citizenship.

Police used water hoses and truncheons to drive away some 2,000 members of the Pinoy si FPJ! Campaign to Save Democracy. Martinez had claimed his men moved in after the protesters threw stones and bottles at the policemen.

Tributes from colleagues

He also tackled other pre-election rallies and guarded the boundary of Manila and Quezon City to prevent protesters from entering his city.

Before being appointed to the Sampaloc station, Martinez headed the Ermita police station. As Ermita commander, he negotiated with or dispersed protesters who wanted to march to the US Embassy on Roxas Boulevard.

"He was a very hard-working and hard-hitting policeman and was very efficient," WPD director Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong said.

Another colleague, Sr. Supt. Danilo Abarzosa, described Martinez as "industrious" and "a good policeman."

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza said Martinez's death was a "big loss" to the WPD.

Martinez, 54, joined the police force in 1972, when he was 22 years old. He was the father of three, one boy and two girls, and lived in Tondo.

World crude prices . . .

From page A1

up 40 cents from its Friday settlement price. US light crude, however, later eased to US$54.93.

US heating oil also set a record $1.5555 a gallon before dipping to $1.5485, and Brent crude in London matched an all-time high at $50.40 a barrel before slipping to $49.92.

Crude oil prices, the highest in a generation, are about 80 percent higher than a year ago, but they are still around US$25 below the peak inflation-adjusted price reached in 1981.

Crude prices have skyrocketed more than US$10 in the past month, primarily over production delays in the Gulf of Mexico, where Hurricane Ivan hit mid-September.

Now that the US$55 barrier has been surpassed, analysts are looking toward US$60 a barrel, with some saying it may reach that mark by the end of the year—smack in the middle of the Northern Hemisphere winter.

"We hit the new milestone and, we're looking at US$60," said Victor Shum, oil analyst at the Texas-based energy consultants Purvin & Gertz. "US$60 is certainly feasible."

Prices have continued their relentless march higher despite some evidence that energy costs are beginning to slow the economic growth that has helped fuel more than a $20 increase in prices this year.

"At the moment, we are at the stage where prices are really driven by short-term factors that the market has been dealing with for the last few months," said Daniel Hynes, industry analyst at ANZ Bank in Melbourne.

"If high prices do continue much longer, they will certainly have a bite on GDP growth."

Decline in stocks

Declines in US distillate stocks just before the Northern Hemisphere winter are the latest in a line of supply factors to rattle the market.

The US Department of Energy said in its weekly petroleum supply report last week that commercially available supplies of heating oil declined by 1.2 million barrels for the week ending Oct. 8, falling to 50.0 million barrels, or 10 percent below year-ago levels.

Diesel and kerosene are used for heating oil. Demand for jet fuel—kerosene with additives—also rises in the winter as flights increase during the Christmas season.

In the Gulf of Mexico, over 20 million barrels of crude remain shut in as recovery efforts continue to get production levels back to normal, the US Minerals Management Service said on its website.

But with the amount of excess capacity—immediate surplus supply—at about one percent of daily demand, now estimated to be above 82 million barrels, any supply outage is expected to factor into prices.

Disruptions

Market players have been fixated on potential disruptions in production, such as the just-concluded oil workers' strike and threats of rebel attacks in Nigeria, Africa's largest producer, and sporadic attacks by militants on Iraqi pipelines.

Unrest in the world's largest producer, Saudi Arabia; the tax battle between the Russian government and oil giant Yukos; and political tensions in key producer Venezuela have also pushed prices higher.

Chicago Board of Trade chief executive Bernard Dan told Australia's Nine Network that the US economy would be hurt by the spike—but not significantly. He said the economy could even withstand prices of US$75 per barrel.

"I think basically most users and most traders have priced in that sort of range (US$60 to US$75)," said Dan. "While it might do some damage in terms of the economy and might be reflected in our equity market, I don't think it is going to be at a level where it is catastrophic in any sense."

His comments came after US Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan said Friday rising oil prices would have far less impact than the oil shocks of the 1970s.

Even so, Greenspan said that high oil prices had already cut 3/4 of a percent from US gross domestic product. *Reports from AP, Reuters and AFP*

PROVIDING FOR OUR GROWING POPULATION

We, members of the business community, wish to express our deep concern that continued rapid population growth might be outstripping our country's ability to feed, educate and fully form each of the 1. 8 million Filipinos being added to our nation every year. Our inability to nurture, develop, enhance and sustain the productive capacities of every Filipino in a globally competitive world can only compromise the attainment of our shared national aspirations.

We call on our President, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal - Arroyo, to lead the nation and the government in confronting the burden of providing every Filipino who is born, with sufficient resources to survive, obtain good health and quality education, and secure the means to advance and contribute to our nation's progress, particularly in these times of a looming fiscal crisis.

As an important part of insuring our collective ability to provide a better future for every Filipino, we call for the wider provision of information and education on the wisdom of practicing responsible parenthood that can eventually lead families and communities to have only the number and spacing of children that they want and can adequately support.

Furthermore, we call for greater assistance to couples who decide to practice responsible parenthood according to their knowledge, preferences and beliefs. We ask government at the national and local levels to assure that all legally and medically permissible goods and services necessary for safely postponing pregnancies and for bringing pregnancies to full term and safe delivery, are available to everyone, including those who have limited means to pay. We recognize that some methods for postponing pregnancies are morally objectionable to others, including some of us, but we nonetheless ask everyone to abide by our existing laws in respecting the responsible choices of people on these matters. We suggest that whatever family planning choices already available to those with the means to pay, be also made available to those who cannot afford to pay for the same services they might prefer.

To better insure our collective ability to provide for all Filipinos already born, we support families' decisions and choices to space or limit the number of children they want to have.

Tight watch on illegal deep wells

By Tina G. Santos

ALARMED by reports of the deteriorating quality of water drawn from deep wells in the metropolis, the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) said yesterday it would intensify its drive against illegal wells in at least 13 critical areas in Metro Manila.

The water board said excessive ground water extraction from the wells had caused the deterioration, particularly in Quezon City, Malabon, Caloocan and Muntinlupa.

Ramon Alikpala, NWRB executive director, disclosed that 60 percent of the more than 3,000 deep wells in Metro Manila operate without the the necessary permit.

Alikpala said a memorandum of agreement with the local government units concerned had already been entered into by the board for the strict monitoring of ground water extraction, and to prevent the digging of more illegal deep wells.

A cease-and-desist order would be issued against persons and entities with no water permits, he said, adding that violators face a fine of P1,000 a day until all extraction activities stop.

Alikpala said that the big number of wells extracting water from the ground had seriously affected the allowable extraction rate or safe water yield.

Increased salinity and contamination from near surface formations in the identified critical areas had also been observed, he added. Over-extraction of water could also result in irreversible damages to underground reservoirs.

With the situation critical, Alikpala said the NWRB would no longer grant new extraction permits in areas where water levels are below zero elevation, or where there is hardly any water yield. At the same time, water permits for the critical areas connected to the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System would be automatically revoked.

PNP wants officials' SAL this time

By Edson Castro Tandoc Jr. and Christian V. Esguerra

AMID the corruption scandal hounding the military, the national police said yesterday it would be looking into the Statements of Assets and Liabilities of its police officials filed in the last five years.

Through a memorandum to all police districts, the national police is now requiring copies of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Net Worth (SALN) of police officials starting with the rank of Police Senior Superintendent and up.

Positive step

This is still part of the lifestyle check Philippine National Police (PNP) Director General Edgar Aglipay had ordered a few days ago.

"We welcome the order to conduct lifestyle checks on policemen. This is a positive step to clear the image of the the police," National Capital Region Police Office Director Avelino Razon Jr. said in a phone interview.

A ranking Northern Police District official said the copies of a police official's SALN would be compared to his actual salary to see if he "is living beyond his means."

This is not the first time the police is conducting a lifestyle check.

The national police had implemented a similar check for policemen more than year ago, just right after junior military officers used the issue of corruption in the Armed Forces to justify and seek support for the failed July 27 Oakwood Mutiny.

But last year's police check yielded nothing substantial. Allegations of corruption, with some officials said to be on the take from gambling and drug lords, continue to haunt the police and the military.

Aglipay said he had invited the Commission on Audit and other government agencies with a "mandate" to initiate parallel investigations of the alleged large-scale anomaly.

The PNP chief yesterday volunteered to be the first subject of a lifestyle check.

"If you want, you can open my body and look inside me," the official, sounding irked, said in in a press conference. "What else do you want?"

At least two top PNP officials said Aglipay had the "courage" to volunteer since he had "nothing to hide."

"Nobody's saying he's corrupt," said the other official. "The problem is with other officials who have become millionaires out of so many irregularities at the PNP. They are the ones whom (Aglipay) should be investigating."

As far as his fellow officers were concerned, Aglipay appeared to have no time for an investigation.

Hands off

"I have so many things to do, that's why I'm asking those with the mandate to investigate, to look into these allegations," he told reporters.

Even before a separate body could begin an investigation, Aglipay was convinced there was no irregularity involving the PNP budget. "If you think there's an officer involved in it, then have him investigated.

Strict accounting

"What I'm saying is that we have a strict accounting system done by civilians," he said.

For instance, in the case of service fees, allegedly a fertile source of corruption at the PNP, Aglipay said there was practically no contact between policemen and those who assess their payments.

Transactions, he explained, were handled exclusively by a private bank to eliminate chances of bribery and corruption.

In another interview with the INQUIRER, however, a senior police official said service fees usually become a source of corruption when an officer, in connivance with key members of the "comptroller family," pockets a portion of the amount.

He said these fees represent payments the PNP gets for handling the collection of fees for, say, Pag-Ibig Fund.

The alleged service fee racket is one of several purported "businesses" involving a number of PNP officials.

A much more lucrative source of extra income allegedly involves the collection of unpaid allowances by some officials, again in connivance with budget officials, according to the source, a former member of the PNP's Office for Comptrollership.

Then there's the "throwback" system where some officers allegedly "throw" a cut from the PNP budget to another officer, usually a subordinate, and gets "back" a hefty loot.

The source said the "throw" part was essential so both sides could doctor documents justifying the transaction through projects that usually exist only on paper.

Not a good day for robbers

PARAÑAQUE City policemen have arrested two suspected members of a criminal syndicate allegedly behind the series of robberies involving automated teller machines (ATMs) of the International Exchange Bank.

P/Supt. Rolando Estilles, Parañaque City police chief, identified the two as Bobby Cruel Marcoso, 24, a native of Gumaca, Quezon, and Ricardo Nical Terrado, 24, a native of Pastrana, Leyte. Both are alleged members of the "Cruel Ruler Gang."

Estilles said Marcoso and Terrado allegedly had a hand in at least three robberies in the ATM booths of the International Exchange Bank in Parañaque.

The first robbery incident happened at about 7:26 a.m. on Oct. 9 at IE Bank Sucat located along Dr. A. Santos Avenue, Valley II, Barangay San Isidro, Parañaque City.

The two suspects ran off with P15,000 that was about to be withdrawn from the ATM by an ATM holder.

Less than two hours later, the suspects struck again at the IE Bank-BF Homes Branch, along President Avenue, BF Homes, Parañaque.

Estilles said the suspects tried to pull off another robbery on Oct. 16 at the IE-Bank ATM-Sucat branch, but this was foiled by an alert security guard.

Meanwhile, Pasig City police chief Sr. Supt. Raul Medina said three of nine suspects who robbed a bank in the city had been arrested yesterday after a raid in Barangay Pinagbuhatan, Pasig City.

Medina identified the suspects as Rodolfo Ayop, Rogelio Miranda, and Ricardo Llones, 36.

Witnesses had identified the suspects as among those who robbed the Country Bank Inc. *Nancy C. Carvajal and Luige A. del Puerto*

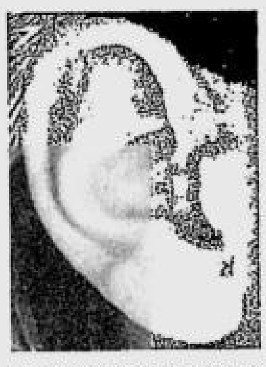
MAKATI
Suite 1703 Medical Plaza
Amorsolo cor. Dela Rosa Sts.,
Legaspi Village, Makati City
Tel. No.: (632) 867-1916

ORTIGAS
Level III, Body Senses
Robinsons Galleria,
EDSA cor. Ortigas Ave., Q. C.
Tel. No.: (632) 635-9033

QUEZON CITY
G/F Unit G-18A The Garden Heights
E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Quezon City
(Across St. Luke's Medical Center)
Tel. No.: (632) 727-6625

Sountex
The Hearing Care Professionals
Hearing Solutions from SIEMENS

One wish that hearing impaired people have...



Bring in an old hearing aid to receive a 10-20% trade-in discount!

not to hear sounds louder but clearer.

This is possible now with TRIANO - SIEMENS latest innovation, TRIANO incorporates an artificial intelligence system that automatically enhances speech, reduces background noise and adapts instantly to changing environments. With TRIANO, you no longer just hear all sounds louder; you hear only the sounds you need to hear and understand. Visit Sountex™ today for a "no-obligation" FREE HEARING TEST - because you will have to hear it to believe it!

WASHINGTON SYCIP
Founder
The SGV Group

OSCAR M. LOPEZ
Chairman & CEO
First Philippine Holdings Corp.

RIZALINO S. NAVARRO
Executive Vice Chariman & CEO
Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.

OCTAVIO V. ESPIRITU
Chairman
Delphi Group, Inc.

JOSE P. DE JESUS
President & CEO
Manila North Tollways Corporation

SENEN C. BACANI
President
Ultrex Management & Consultants, Inc.

MONICO JACOB
President & CEO
STI Educ. Services Group

SALVADOR P. MALBAROSA
Chair & President
Euromerica Trade Philippines, Inc.

SEBASTIAN B. ARRASTIA
President
Summit Metal Works Industries, Inc.

EDWARD L. FEREIRA
President & CEO
Ferycor International Mgt. Group, Inc.

LYDIA P. ENRILE
President & Executive Director
Sarmiento Foundation, Inc.

JAIME AUGUSTO ZOBEL de AYALA
President
Ayala Corporation

PETER D. GARRUCHO, JR.
Vice Chairman & CEO
First Generation Holdings Corp.

CESAR VIRATA
Chairman
C. Virata & Associates

FIORELLO ESTUAR
President
Maynilad Water Services, Inc.

MANUEL P. QUIOGUE
President & COO
GMA Marketing & Productions, Inc.

DAVID L. BALANGUE
Chair & Managing Partner
Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co.

VICENTE H. LIM JR.
President Emeritus
Philippine Food Chamber

JAIME S. DE LOS SANTOS
Chairman of the Board
ZETA Security, Inc.

CYNTHIA V. SUBIJANO
President
ALS Insurance Services, Inc.

REMY T. TIGULO
Chair & President
SB Capital Investment Corporation

RENE R. FUENTES
President
Software Specialists, Inc.

RICARDO J. ROMULO.
Chairman
Makati Business Club

SERGIO R. ORTIZ-LUIS, JR.
President, Phil. Exporters Confederation
Chairman, Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

MIGUEL B. VARELA
Chairman
Employers Confederation of the Phils.

NOEMI L. SALUDO
President, Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

DONALD G. DEE
Exec. Vice President for National Issues
Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

EDUARDO GUTIERREZ-ONG
Vice President for Internal Affairs
Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

SAMIE LIM
Vice President for Tourism, Retail & Franchising
Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

CARLOS CO
Vice President for Visayas
Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

RENATO SIMBULAN
Vice President for North Luzon
Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

ALEGRIA. LIMJOCO
Vice President for Membership
Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

JOJI ILAGAN-BIAN
Chairperson, Population, CSR & Governance
Phil. Chamber of Commerce & Industry

CAYETANO W. PADERANGA, JR.
President & CEO
CIBI Information, Inc.

EVELYN R. SINGSON
President
eBusiness Services, Inc.

METRO
E-mail: pr_metro@inquirer.com.ph
Editor Ester G. Dipasupil
Assistant Editor Cenon B. Bibe
Text us your feedback: inquirer met name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

How would you like to erase ₱1,000,000 from your housing loan?

Join the BPI Family Savings Bank

ERASE your HOUSING LOAN Promo

Get the chance to erase ₱100,000, ₱250,000, ₱500,000 or even ₱1,000,000 from your Happy Family Housing Loan!

Promo runs from July 1 to December 15, 2004 only!
Call 845-6888 or 89-100
Log on to www.bpiexpressonline.com
Visit any BPI, BPI Family Savings Bank branch or Express Banking Center nationwide.

Visit the BPI Family Village in Selected Branches

Get to meet our partner-developers from October 18 - 22 and find out more about the property you wish to buy through BPI Family Savings Bank Housing Loan.
Plus! Enjoy discounts or freebies when you purchase during this week.

- BPI Family Savings Bank Vito Cruz
- BPI Bel-Air Paseo
- BPI Las Piñas
- BPI Loyola Katipunan
- BPI QC West Triangle

Apply for a Happy Family Housing Loan now and enjoy low monthly amortization, fast approvals and expert loan advice.

BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
HAPPY FAMILY HOUSING LOAN
It's All in the Family!
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1211, Series of 2004.

Taxpayers take break

By Nancy C. Carvajal

GOOD news for taxpayers in Parañaque City.

The Parañaque City government said yesterday it would condone certain percentages of surcharges and interests of its taxpayers' property taxes—but subject to certain conditions.

The 45-day tax holiday, to take effect from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, is contained in an ordinance approved by the Parañaque City council and signed by Mayor Florencio Bernabe on Oct. 5.

Among the government agencies that would benefit from the limited tax holiday are the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and the Public Estates Authority which have outstanding interest payments on realty tax liabilities amounting to P360 million.

The tax holiday covers residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and other classes of real estate properties, including improvements, with several exemptions prescribed by existing laws.

Bernabe said the application of payment of real property taxes would be made from the earliest to the latest years when taxpayers had been delinquent in their payments.

"Only after delinquencies made in the years prior to 2004 are settled can the tax relief be availed of and payments credited for the current period," Bernabe said.

However, those with pending cases or those with cases under protest with the courts are not qualified to apply for the tax relief provided by Ordinance No. 9, the mayor added.

Bernabe said the ordinance provides for a 100 percent diminution of interests and surcharges from Nov. 1 to 30, and a 50 percent discount in interests and surcharges from Dec. 1 to 15.

Councilor Gustavo Tambunting, the principal author of the ordinance, said substantial losses currently experienced by Parañaque business establishments had prompted him to sponsor the ordinance.

"One way the city government can show due regard and sensitivity to the sorry state and plight of Parañaque's business concerns and its residents, is by providing relief through measures such as condoning portions of penalties and interests on delinquent real property taxes," he said.

Imported carrots seized

By Jerome Aning

THE BUREAU of Customs yesterday ordered the confiscation of 10 container vans of illegally imported carrots worth P18 million at the Port of Manila (POM).

POM district collector Ronnie Silvestre said the shipment, which came from Qingdao, China, had no import permits.

Silvestre said his office earlier checked with the office of Director Clarito Barron of the Bureau of Plant Industry to determine if there were import permits for the carrots, and found out there were none.

Eight out of 10 seized container vans that were consigned to AGR Trading had no import entries filed in the BOC. The two other vans, consigned to Southfield Agricultural Products, were declared as garlic shipments.

Customs agents found the undeclared amount of carrots behind stocks of garlic.

Customs Commissioner George Jereos ordered the shipment seized and detained in favor of the government for violations of the laws on agriculture products importation and the traffic and customs code.

Train hits woman

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna--A Manila-bound Philippine National Railways train hit a woman as she was crossing the railway tracks at Barangay Timugan here at about 6:30 a.m., yesterday, killing her instantly.

PO2 Elmer Gibe identified the victim as Altea Jane Catacutan, 24, of Cotabato City, a sister of PO1 Arlyme Catacutan of the Southern Police District.

Gibe told the Inquirer that Catacutan was on her way to a bus stop after she had crossed the tracks when the train hit her. The train had sounded its horn, but the victim must have not noticed it, police said. *Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

EZ2
21 11

SUERTRES
9 8 4

FOUR DIGIT
2 5 6 1
(In exact order)

MEGALOTTO 6/45
6 8 36 37 42 43

Tanong ng Bayan
INQ TV
ABC Tuwing Huwebes, 10:30pm

I-text ang inyong "fearless view" sa 2910. Pipiliin namin ang pinakamagaling na sagot. Ang premyo linggo-linggo: Isang 21" color TV set!
I-type: INQTV <ang inyong sagot>, <buong pangalan>, <siyudad o probinsiya>, tapos ipadala sa 2910. Cut-off time: WEDNESDAY, 6 PM. Winner will be identified during the InqTV program: Thursday, 10:30pm, on ABC.

text 2910

Garcia at ibang heneral:Court martial o civil trial?

Narito ang ilan sa mga sagot ninyo. Text na!

"both court martial at civil court trial, court martial para sa viol of art of war, at civil trial para sa plunder"
Gilberto Rosa, Palo, Leyte

"ang mhalga lantad sa taong-byan o "transparent" ang pgli2tis, alinsunod sa btas, at mkamit ng smbayanan ang ktarungan"
Red Soriano, Muntinlupa City

2 sites left for rail folk

By Edson Castro Tandoc Jr.

THE NATIONAL Housing Authority has rejected the proposed relocation site in Barangay Panghulo in Malabon City for city residents who would be displaced by the long-delayed Northrail Project.

Malabon City Mayor Canuto Oreta had proposed the private property in Barangay Panghulo as a relocation site, but many residents affected by the project had objected to the site.

In a meeting yesterday morning, the NHA dropped the proposal for the government to buy the proposed site in Barangay Panghulo and develop it into an in-city relocation site for almost 4,000 affected families in Malabon City.

Clarita Eneria, president of at least six organizations of affected families, had earlier told the INQUIRER that parts of the Panghulo site were still under water, and that developing the area would be costly.

With the Panghulo site now out of the picture, residents are left with two choices: relocation to the already developed but distant Towerville in Bulacan, or taking advantage of the "balik-probinsiya" program, NHA assistant manager Jopet Sison said.

Under the program, each family gets P50,000 from the government, but they would not be relocated to any government site.

Sison said the NHA was still negotiating with Valenzuela City officials for the transfer of some Malabon City residents to Barangay Bignay.

Eneria's group had been pushing for their relocation to the barangay.

Valenzuela City Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian had said the city would not accept Malabon City residents.

Earlier, President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered the immediate construction of the long-delayed Northrail Project that would connect Caloocan City to Malolos, Bulacan.

But the relocation of the affected residents had been blamed for the delay. Oreta said the demolition of the houses affected by the project would start on Nov. 15.

General Ocampo's wife did him in

ON TARGET
Ramon Tulfo

I RETURNED from Palawan during the weekend where I went to visit my farm and renew ties with friends and acquaintances.

In renewing old ties, I got a bonus: bits and pieces of information on the latest happenings in Puerto Princesa City, the capital.

I learned why Air Force Brig. Gen. Prospero Ocampo, chief of the 570th Tactical Wing, was relieved of his assignment. The 570th is based in Puerto Princesa and under the operational supervision of the Western Command.

Many people in Manila were wondering about Ocampo's sudden relief from one of the Air Force's key posts. But the people in Puerto Princesa know why.

Ocampo was sacked because of his wife, Evelyn, who had allegedly been converting office supplies for the 570th into cash.

"*Mon, kung mamili siya sa NCCC, parang kanya ang supermarket* (When she shopped at NCCC, you'd think she owned the supermarket)," said a Puerto Princesa resident.

But why did Ocampo allow his wife to interfere in his job? The general, my source said, is "under the saya" or henpecked.

In fact, during the Balikatan exercises early this year, Ms Ocampo allegedly cornered all the contracts to set up stores that sold goods to the American soldiers.

But the guy who replaced Ocampo, Col. Arsenio Marquez, is also like Ocampo, if not worse.

Marquez, according to another source, has ordered a house built on a beach as his quarters. He had white sand brought in to cover the black sand surrounding his beach house.

"Perhaps he imagines himself living in Boracay," said the other source.

Marquez is also allegedly converts office supplies into cash, said an insider at Wescom.

Marquez, said yet another source, was also trying to corner money set aside for the military by an oil company that's building the Malampaya oil project. The military is assigned to guard the project.

The money was supposed to be for the Navy, Marines, Army and Philippine National Police men guarding Malampaya.

But Marquez said that only the 570th, his unit, was capable of guarding Malampaya. Therefore, he should get all the funds.

Ang takaw naman nitong si Marquez!

I also learned that my friend and compadre, a Chinese-Filipino businessman in the city, is now a secret agent (*kuno*) of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA). As such, he carries a formidable arsenal in his car: a Streetsweeper shotgun, an M-16 Armalite and his .45-cal. pistol.

This Chinoy businessman now goes around town telling all and sundry that he's the Filipino version of James Bond, secret agent 007, when he's had a little too many drinks.

The latest trouble he got into was poking his gun at tricycle drivers who called the police.

When the police, led by Chief Insp. Nelson Sumandal, got to the scene, the Chinoy told them to back off. He threatened to have them all relieved from their posts.

What happened to you, my friend and compadre? You were not like that before.

SPORTS TV
Compiled by L. Manguiat

BASEBALL: MLB NL Championship Series-Cardinals vs Astros, Game 5; 8 a.m. (r-2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.); ESPN —Houston won the last two to tie the series against St. Louis.

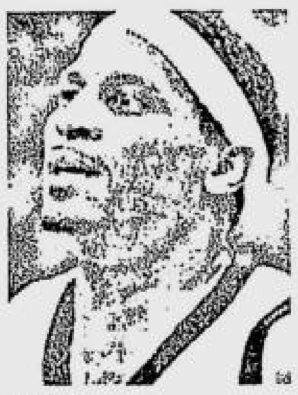
AMERICAN FOOTBALL: NFL-Bucs vs Rams; 9 a.m. (r-8:30 p.m.); ESPN—Tampa Bay battles St. Louis in the NFC.

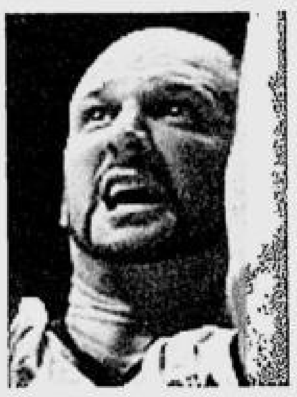
TENNIS: Masters Series; 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Star Sports—Round One and Two goes underway in Madrid.

Schedules subject to change without prior notice.

SPORTS
E-mail: pr_sports@inquirer.com.ph
Editor
Teddyvic S. Melendres
Text us your feedback: Inquirer sprt name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

HATFIELD


HARP


PENNISI

CRISANO

ORDONIO

DOJ to 5 'Fil-shams': Leave or face arrest

By Philip C. Tubeza

LEAVE voluntarily or face detention.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez yesterday issued this challenge to five of the six so-called "Fil-shams" he ordered deported for faking their Filipino citizenship.

Gonzalez said that while the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) players could appeal his decision to deport them, they would be detained while the appeal process is ongoing.

The DOJ chief had earlier released a resolution ordering the Bureau of Immigration to "undertake with hasty dispatch the summary deportation proceedings against" Davonn Harp, Jon Ordonio and Mick Pennisi of Red Bull Barako, Rudy Hatfield of Coca-Cola, and Alex Crisano of Barangay Ginebra.

Taulava deportation pending

Gonzalez said Talk 'N Text's Asi Taulava should also be deported, but the deportation proceedings against him "must be held in abeyance unless and until" the Sept. 6, 2003 injunction issued by a Manila Regional Trial Court is lifted.

Gonzalez said he has ordered Solicitor General Alfredo Benipayo to ask the Manila RTC to lift its injunction order, which the DOJ considers to be a violation of the constitutional principle of separation of powers.

"We cannot allow an injunction to make an alien a Filipino," Gonzalez had said.

Gonzalez said the players "can always appeal. That is their right."

"But they will be appealing to me and that would be useless unless they present newly discovered credible evidence. This case has been hanging for a long time," Gonzalez said.

"They could leave voluntarily. If they're illegal aliens, they could be detained while their cases are on appeal," he added.

Seigle, Peña cleared

In his three-page resolution, Gonzalez ordered the revocation of the certificates of recognition granted to Ordonio, Harp, Hatfield, Pennisi and Crisano, paving the way for their deportation.

He cleared Andy Seigle of Barangay Ginebra and San Miguel Beer's Dorian Peña of charges that they faked their citizenship papers.

Gonzalez also directed the National Bureau of Investigation to form a special task force to investigate the liability of the team owners, managers, talent scouts and sports agents of the six PBA players in falsifying public documents.

Gonzalez said the talent scouts and sports agents might be the brains behind the falsification of the players' citizenship and that the cagers and the PBA might just be "victims."

"In the event that a prima facie case of falsification will be filed before the prosecutor's office, the Chief State Prosecutor is directed to form a task force from the National Prosecution Service that will specifically handle all cases of falsification arising from the Fil-sham scam," Gonzalez said.

He also ordered the NBI to coordinate with the Office of the Ombudsman's Fact Finding and Intelligence Bureau for the filing of falsification and

DOJ/ A20

PATENTED
SHARK
ACCESSORIES
Rule the Road
FREE! BACKING SENSORS
When you buy any Shark Accessories
ABSOLUTELY NO-HOLES BORED INSTALLATION!
BUMPER OVERIDER
ROOF CADDY
CADDY MATE
REAR STEPGEAR
SURESTEP [illegible] QUEZON CITY TEL. [illegible]

Hatfield player of week

By June Navarro

FOR SOMEONE in anguish, Rudy Hatfield knows how to keep his emotions in check.

Hours after learning he faced deportation, Hatfield was the most efficient Tiger on the floor as Coca-Cola won for a second straight time by bringing down San Miguel last Sunday in the Gran Matador PBA Philippine Cup.

Hatfield scored 13 points and had 10 rebounds in a 92-84 win, a performance that gave him Player of the Week honors from the PBA Press Corps.

His all-around play was an impressive follow-up to another double-double of 16 points and 17 rebounds when he led the Tigers over the Alaska Aces in Butuan City last week.

"I didn't let any distractions get in the way. I just tried to keep my focus," said Hatfield referring to the DOJ report.

"I grew up as a Filipino in the States and I'm proud to say I'm a Filipino. I don't understand why all of these things are happening," said a teary-eyed Hatfield, whose mother and grandparents are full-blooded Filipinos.

Coca-Cola coach Chot Reyes vouched for Hatfield, saying he had met the player's mother a couple of times even before he was implicated in the "Fil-sham" mess.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. A2-483, Series of 2004

REAL 0%
BPI Credit Cards

The BIGGEST & NEWEST airconditioned home DEPOT
with the WIDEST array of products at LOW, LOW PRICES

ortigas home depot

Participating Outlets:

home builder's superstore
BLIMS fine furniture
CHAMPS
Living Style
Automatic Centre
BESTANK
Durable Wire
Royal Tern Sanitary Ware
Vantage Terrace International
SGO
home store
Living
Seasons
loftdetails
Decimal Merchandising, Inc. Tile Specialist
Piedra
brilliant
Apollo
Shinto Roofing Tiles
Power Aire
Design Source
Kodak
Robins Home Depot, Inc.
MA-AY ENTERPRISES
Loss Prevention
evolucé designs
Décor
RTL Industries
Design Focus
Teresa Marble Corporation
Stone 2000
Metro
Luxen
CICG
Ariston
Floor Master Pars Builders
asiaco
Sanitec
City Trade
Chain
Gold Vest Bathroom fixtures
Globe Int'l. Dist. Ctr., Inc.
Espreme Enterprises
Admiral
Multi-Line
Philippine Insulation Co.
Laundry Express
Powermate
Mirage Glass & Aluminum
modufit inc.
Pateco
Mocha Blends Corporation
SOBO
Green Peak
DeltaWood Products Corporation

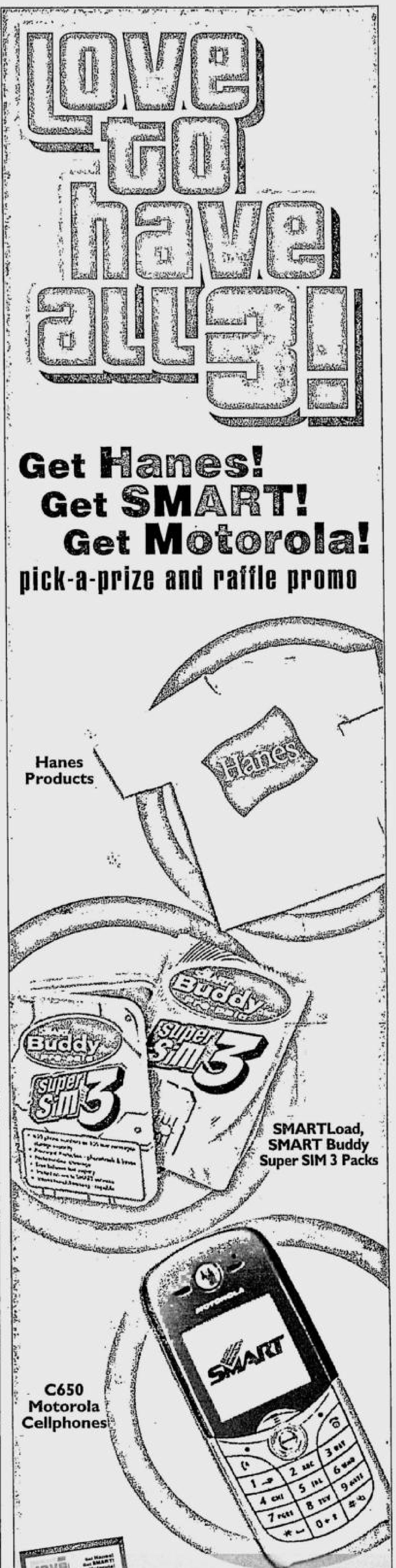
...with 25,000 sq. m. floor area.

Everything you need to build your ideal home ...

ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

E.D.S.A.
Ortigas Avenue
Meralco Ave. Flyover
home
Rodriguez Lanuza Ave.
C5
Julia Vargas Avenue

#1 Doña Julia Vargas Ave. near cor. Meralco Ave., Bgy. Ugong, Pasig City
Tel. nos.: 683.0823; 683.0826; 636.0772; 636.0773; 636.7454



Get Hanes!
Get SMART!
Get Motorola!
pick-a-prize and raffle promo

Hanes Products

SMARTLoad, SMART Buddy Super SIM 3 Packs

C650 Motorola Cellphones

MECHANICS

1. Every ₱400 single receipt purchase of Hanes products from participating outlets entitles the customer to join the Pick-A-Prize and one (1) coupon for the raffle promo. Simply present proof of purchase to the Hanes Sales Clerk.
2. For PICK-A-PRIZE - customer will pick a stub from the game box for a chance to win any of the following: (1) SMART Buddy Super SIM3, (1) SMARTLoad ₱30 or (1) Hanes product.

For RAFFLE Promo - customer will scratch off the silver panel on the coupon to reveal the 8-digit code to be entered in the raffle via text for a chance to win any of 20 Motorola C650 camera phones or 10 Hanes giftpacks.
- A mobile ID number may send as many entries as they want.
- Deadline for texting of entries is on December 19, 2004.

3. Raffle draw is on January 3, 2005 at the 11th floor, Rufino Tower, Ayala Avenue, Makati City at 3PM with the presence of a DTI representative.
4. Prizes are not convertible to cash.

See posters for details.
Promo is from October 19 to December 19, 2004.
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2465, Series of 2004.

MOTOROLA intelligence everywhere
Sara Lee
SMART Simply Amazing!

SIM SWAP AT HANES!
Just look for the Hanes representative inside participating Department Stores.

Indians trip RP chessers

Paragua, Senador fall to all-GM fifth seeds sans Anand

MALLORCA, Spain—Fifth-ranked India found no need for world No. 2 Viswanathan Anand in hurdling the Philippines, 3-1, Sunday in the third round of the World Chess Olympiad.

Filipino Grandmasters Eugene Torre and Joey Antonio held their own in the top boards, but the bottom half collapsed under the weight of the Indians' offensive.

International Master Mark Paragua fell to nemesis GM Surya Sekhar Ganguly, while Emmanuel Senador, seeing action for the first time, bowed to GM Abhijit Kunte.

The loss, a repeat of their similar defeat in Bled, Slovenia two years ago, pulled down the Filipinos to a tie for 34th place in the 129-team field with China, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Estonia and Indonesia.

"It's a small setback. We can bounce back," said RP team captain Sammy Estimo.

The Filipinos, seeded a modest 40th, took the loss good-naturedly.

"*May agimat yata si Ganguly. Lahat ng tira niya eksakto* (It seems Ganguly has an amulet; all his moves are precise)," said Paragua, who has now lost all four meetings with the Indian.

MARK Paragua bows to nemesis anew.

The Filipinos hope to bounce back against 51st seed Ireland on Monday.

Antonio, complaining of high blood pressure, and Senador will sit out the fourth round. Taking their spots are IM Jayson Gonzales and Darwin Laylo, who will join Torre and Paragua.

A piece of good news came in the women's section where the troika of Women FIDE Master Sheerie Joy Lomibao, WIM Beverly Mendoza and rookie Loreshyl Cuizon scored their second straight win at the expense of Malaysia, 2-1.

Lomibao, a three-time Olympian, upset WFM Siti Zulaikha in 40 moves of a Bishop's Opening to cap the victory.

Earlier, Cuizon, 18, drew with Roslina Marmono in 43 moves of a Trompovsky, while Mendoza split the point with Nur Shazwani Zullkafli in 34 of a Guioco Piano.

The Filipinas, who beat Finland, 2-1, Saturday, now have 4.5 points, good for joint 40th place in a field of 87 nations.

Despite anticipating Anand's absence in the lineup, the Filipinos barely avoided a bloodbath against an all-GM team.

Torre (2518), playing his first match since topping the Tacloban Open at home four months ago, used the Nimzo Indian defense with black to hold GM Krishnan Sasikiran (2668) to a draw after 35 moves.

The 52-year-old veteran, the team's top board player since 1972, broke a two-game jinx against Sasikiran, who last beat him in the Asian Championships last year in Qatar.

Despite a pawn advantage, Torre accepted a draw offer from Sasikiran.

"It's a draw anyway with opposite colored bishops," Torre said.

Earlier, Antonio (2524), playing white, also accepted a truce offer from GM Pentala Harikrishna (2612) after 26 moves of a Ruy Lopez Opening. Antonio now has 2.5 points in three matches.

Essaying the Sicilian, the 20-year-old GM candidate Paragua (2534) played aggressively and forced Ganguly (2559) into time trouble despite a pawn down.

Down to just 20 seconds, Ganguly found the correct play, staved off the Filipino's mating threat, and went on to secure the win in 52 moves.

Senador (2432) lost a pawn in the opening and had no answer to the precise play of Kunte (2550).

Ukraine vaulted into the solo lead with a perfect 12 points following a 4-0 win over the Czech Republic. Defending champion Russia, Israel and Bulgaria are tied for second spot with similar 10.5 points.

Cebu five blasts Cotta, levels series

CEBU CITY—Tribu Sugbu bounced back with a 106-86 thrashing of Ozamiz Cotta Sunday night to tie their best-of-three series for the NBC (National Basketball Conference) South division pennant at the Cebu Coliseum here.

The Skygo-backed Cebu Tribes adjusted well to the Cotta's man-to-man defense and contained Ozamiz's point guard, Egay Echavez, to make up for their 87-93 loss in the opener and forge the decisive Game 3 at 6 p.m. today, also at the Cebu Coliseum.

The winner tonight will claim the South crown and meet the North champion in the national finals.

Forward Taguig took a 1-0 lead over Laguna Spring in the ongoing North division finals.

NBC Slam Dunk king Ruben dela Rosa led six Tribes with 18 points, seven rebounds, three assists, four steals and one block.

"We prepared well and avoided our Game 1 mistakes," said Cebu coach Al Solis. "We denied (Egay) Echavez the chance to orchestrate plays."

The Tribes of businessmen Lito Gillamac, Albert Tan and Dr. Kelly Viado outrebounded and outhustled the taller boys of Mayor Reynaldo Parojinog, 48-42, 19 off the offensive end to score 19 second chance points.

Boyet Guerrero scored on a layup to put Ozamiz within three, 63-66, early in the fourth quarter. But the Tribes uncorked a blistering 16-4 run behind Dela Rosa, Marvin Mercado and Jeffrey Sanders to pull away, 82-67.

The scores:

CEBU 106—Dela Rosa 18, Larong 15, Mercado 15, Concha 12, Grijaldo 11, Sanders 11, Lanete 8, Licanda 5, Piodo 4, Bucao 3, Tangkay 2, Almacin 2, Elim 0, Galinato 0.

OZAMIZ 86—Echavez 19, Basco 11, Ferraren 10, Marquez 9, Basilides 8, Guerrero 7, Sampilo 7, Araman 3, Alminario 2, Libatog 2, Rodriguez 2, Cabrera 2, Guiyab 2, Cabigkis 2.

Quarters: 21-20, 46-40, 66-61, 106-86

Asi plays on borrowed time for Phone Pals

By June Navarro and Jasmine W. Payo

GAMES TODAY (*Lamberto Macias Sports Center, Dumaguete City*)
6 p.m.—Talk 'N Text vs Purefoods

WITH Asi Taulava now playing on borrowed time, Talk 'N Text tries to extend its unbeaten run to four when it collides with Purefoods in the Gran Matador PBA Philippine Cup at the Lamberto Macias Sports Center in Dumaguete City.

Taulava, whose deportation was held in abeyance due to a court injunction, remains eligible to play for the Phone Pals in the 6 p.m. game with the TJ Hotdogs, who have a 2-1 card in a tie with Shell and FedEx.

The Department of Justice ordered earlier in the day the deportation of Red Bull's Davonn Harp, Mick Pennisi and Jon Ordonio, Coca-Cola's Rudy Hatfield and Barangay Ginebra's Alex Crisano for faking their Filipino citizenship.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said Taulava should also be deported, but the deportation proceedings was held in abeyance until the injunction his lawyers secured from a Manila Regional Trial Court on Sept. 6, 2003 is lifted.

"We cannot allow an injunction to make an alien a Filipino," said Gonzalez, who had ordered Solicitor General Alfredo Benipayo to ask the Manila RTC to lift the injunction.

"We know he can still play for the team today. We're still waiting for a memo, so we're still playing it by ear," said Talk 'N Text manager Frankie Lim.

"Asi doesn't want to comment. But I know his family is disappointed. We're telling him not to let it bother him," added TNT assistant coach Virgil Villavicencio.

It was business as usual for the PBA, however. While Commissioner Noli Eala confirmed the release of the DOJ resolution, he said the PBA "wants to get the official copy before we could act on it."

Eala, who has called for an emergency board meeting tomorrow, said the five players will be automatically suspended once the PBA receives the order for deportation.

RAFFY Reavis (left) of Coke contests possession with Arnold Gamboa of SMB in the game Sunday. The Tigers prevailed, 92-84. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

The 6-foot-9 Taulava is married to Anna Mae Corveau, a contestant in the 1999 Bb. Pilipinas pageant. They have been living in Quezon City with their two daughters.

But the impending deportation has no effect in Asi's new family status.

Taulava was earlier ordered deported on April 28, 2000 after failing to prove his Filipino citizenship. In 2001, however, the DOJ reversed its decision reportedly because of new documents proving Taulava's mother, Pauline Mateaki Hernandez, was born in San Jose, Northern Samar.

Taulava returned soon after and Mobiline immediately signed him to a four-year contract. He went on to play for the all-PBA Asian Games team in Busan, South Korea in 2002 and was chosen PBA Most Valuable Player last year.

Harbour Centre, M. Lhuillier clip foes, remain 1-2

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Host Harbour Centre-Pampanga and the M. Lhuillier-Cebu City Jewelers reasserted their supremacy over their respective rivals Sunday night to keep the top two spots in the United Regional Basketball League (URBL) at the Archbishop Cinense Gym of the University of the Assumption here.

Harbour Centre bested Lactovitale-Cebu Province Probiotics, 72-69, again for its third straight win that preserved its hold of second place with a 4-1 card.

GAME THURSDAY (*University of the Assumption Gym*)
4 p.m.—Harbour Centre-Pampanga vs M. Lhuillier-Cebu City

M. Lhuillier also repeated over the Quezon Coco Huskers, 80-71, to remain unscathed in five games and become the first team to barge into the semifinals.

The scores:

M. LHUILLIER 80—Laygo 24, Marata 14, Enriquez 10, Dacia 8, Bat-og 7, Rubi 5, De Guzman 4, Lumantas 4, L. Garcia 2, Aying 2, Cañoneo 0, Smith 0, Ocañada 0.

QUEZON 71—Booker 14, Rodriguez 13, Tierra 13, Kong 11, Ferrer 6, Alcantara 5, Sese 4, Belano 3, Tenorio 2, Nuñez 0.

Quarters: 25-21, 49-37, 62-54, 80-71.

HARBOUR CENTRE 72—A Garcia 20, Bansil 19, Duyag 17, Santos 5, Bognot 3, J. Mendoza 2, Yambao 2, Dizon 2, Magpayo 2, Sierra 0, Ruiz 0, Solis 0.

LACTOVITALE 69—Balingit 14, Cainglet 12, Sanz 11, Daruca 8, De la Victoria 8, Castillo 4, Briones 4, Nailon 2, Bughao 2, Lunday 2, Abellana 2, Ursal 0, Gomez 0, Jueves 0.

Quarters: 19-19, 36-44, 51-54, 72-69.

greenwich

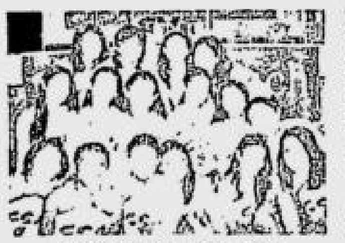
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
TEAM STANDINGS
(as of October 17, 2004)

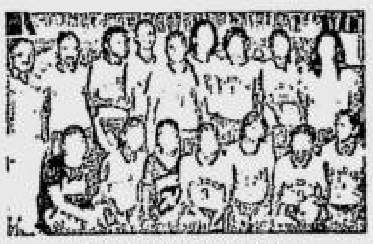
GROUP A	W	L	GROUP B	W	L
Colegio San Agustin	5	0	Olivarez College	4	2
Rizal High School	3	2	JASMS	3	1
OB Montessori Greenhills	2	1	ICA - Dasmarinas	3	0
Diliman Preparatory	2	1	OB Montessori Las Pinas	2	1
St. Francis School	1	1	Hope Christian School	2	1
Caritas Don Bosco	1	0	Miriam College	2	0
Int'l Christian School	1	3	Assumption College	1	2
Southville Int'l School	0	1	St. Mary's Academy Pasay	1	2
Woodrose Alabang	0	1	Poveda Learning Center	1	2
St. Paul's College Pasig	0	1	St. Francis of Assisi Bacoor	1	1
Emilio Aguinaldo College	0	2	St. Jude Catholic School	0	1
Grace Christian School	0	2	OB Montessori Sta. Ana'	0	3
ICA Greenhills	x	x	Reedley's Int'l. School	0	3

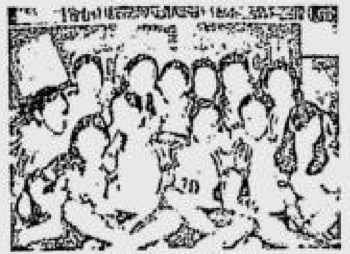
FOR THE RECORD! Pia Suiza, 16-year old junior from Colegio San Agustin, playing utility position, served 25 straight points for a 25-0 victory over International Christian School.

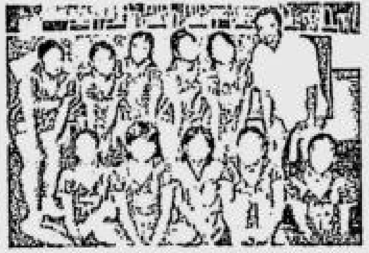
SATURDAY RESULTS: Miriam depended on Goslengfiao, Agbayani, Barcelon and Paje to out-spiked rival OB Montessori Las Piñas 25-12, 25-15 at the St. Francis of Assisi College gym. Other winners were: Rizal High School d. Grace Christian School 25-20, 12-25, 25-18. OBM - Greenhills d. St. Francis School - Mla. 25-11, 25-16. Olivarez College d. Assumption College 25-17, 25-27, 25-21. Hope Christian School d. Poveda Learning Center 25-12, 25-21.

SUNDAY RESULTS: Hope Christian surprised favored host-school St. Francis of Assisi with dink shots & spikes from trio Bernice Co, Joanna Ching & Jaminea Ferrer in straight sets 25-12, 25-16. Olivarez College d. JASMS 25-13, 25-9. Diliman Preparatory d. Grace Christian School 25-13, 26-24. Colegio San Agustin d. Rizal High School 25-14, 25-14. Assumption College d. OB Montessori Sta. Ana 25-14, 25-19.


Colegio San Agustin


Rizal High School


Miriam College


Olivarez College

Soon!! Fruittella Lollypop
CHEERDANCE COMPETITION
This contest is open only to GVIT participating schools.
GAME VENUE FOR OCT. 23 & 24, 2004 @ CARITAS DON BOSCO, BIÑAN LAGUNA
our valued sponsors:
Fruittella Aqua Blue MIKASA

Aventajado criticizes Dayrit over bloated SEAG program

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE TWO top officials of the Philippine Olympic Committee yesterday traded barbs over the decision of the Southeast Asian Games Federation to approve 41 sports but with only 388 events for next year's edition in the country.

POC chair Robert Aventajado criticized POC president Celso Dayrit for compromising the country's chances of winning the overall title by "being too magnanimous" to other countries during the recent SEAG council meeting.

The taekwondo president openly questioned Dayrit's "disturbing policies," particularly in the choice of sports disciplines to be included, which Aventajado claimed were never discussed in the POC executive council.

"It is an accepted fact in the SEA Games that indigenous sports or other sports where the host country has great chances of winning are all included in the program," said Aventajado.

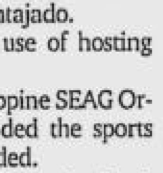
"*Nag-host ka pa* (What's the use of hosting it?)," added Aventajado.

But Dayrit said it was the Philippine SEAG Organizing Committee which decided the sports disciplines and events to be included.

"I don't make unilateral decisions, I only sit there as a SEAG Federation president," he said. "What do they want to do, put in as many arnis events as possible?"

Ali's marathon, Eric's smoking ban

SPECTATOR



Al S. Mendoza

THIS early, Manila is preparing for the 2005 Southeast Asian Games. Already in place is the 2nd Manila Marathon set for Nov. 28. Billed as the biggest foot race on Philippine soil, the marathon is offering half a million bucks to the winners. It will start and end at the Rizal Park.

"The Manila Marathon will be the dry run of our preparations for the 2005 SEA Games," said Ali Atienza, the son of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza.

Ali, named after the greatest boxer of all time (Muhammad Ali), has become so famous with his passion for sports that people close to him now call him, "Mr. Sportscoholic."

Said Ali: "Manila being the chief host of the region's biggest sports event, we wouldn't leave anything to chance. This marathon will put to test the ability of our men and women to handle an event involving no less than 40,000 people, while at the same time, serve as a possible discoverer of talents for the SEA Games in the marathon event next year."

The marathon has always been regarded as a test of endurance and stamina to any athlete hooked to the event, which is run a little over 42 kilometers. The event is actually the trigger of the Olympic Games.

OK, you want history?

A man ran from a scene of a bloody battle to the seat of power then in Greece just to relay the news that Athens had been saved from invading forces. Just seconds after the runner, whose name escapes me at the moment, had said the news, he collapsed and died.

Aside from the cash bonanza that awaits the winners, Ali Atienza, who chairs the Manila Sports Council (Masco), said other prizes are up for grabs during the raffle for those attending the awarding ceremonies, with Nike and Smart Communications as chief backers.

The event is unique in that it is divided into seven divisions—the 42-K, 10-K, 5-K, Media 5-K, Celebrity 5-K and the differently abled 3-K races, featuring men and women categories. There is also a 3-K fun run for 15-and-under kids.

For the 42-K, prizes for the winners total P395,000. The 10-K and Media 5-K events offer P20,000 each. The other prize distribution: P12,000 in both the 5-K and Celebrity 5-K, as well as in the Differently abled 3-K. Medals will be awarded to the winners in the 15-and-under Kids 3-K fun run.

The 42-K race will begin at 4 a.m. at Roxas Boulevard (between the Rizal Monument and Quirino Grandstand) and will pass Tondo, Quiapo, Binondo, Sampaloc, Sta. Mesa, Sta. Ana, Paco, San Andres, Singalong, Malate and back to the Rizal Park.

Mayor Atienza will lead the runners at flag off, together with Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain and Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit, among others.

Runners from Manila's 897 barangays, the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, City College of Manila, Earist, the city's 130 public elementary and secondary schools, the clergy, and the military and police have thrown their support behind the event.

I salute Ali Atienza and the rest of his staff for conceptualizing anew the Manila Marathon, which is in response to persistent calls that future sporting stars will always come from the barangays as well as from the elementary schools.

To deviate from that would be like saying there is no such thing as white gold.

***

It didn't attract much attention when it should. I refer to the move by PSC chair Eric Buhain to declare the 2005 SEA Games "Tobacco-Free."

Just a while back, Eric signed a Memorandum of Agreement to this effect together with officials of the Department of Health, World Health Organization, DILG, DepEd, POC, Philsoc, various NSAs, Philippine Cancer Society, Framework Convention Alliance Philippines and other NGOs.

Even members of the diplomatic corps within the Southeast Asian region were around, led by deputy chief of mission Mecham Filykhoune of Laos, First Secretary Vu Tien Trong of Vietnam, first secretary Adrian Chan of Singapore, second secretary Aung Lwin of Myanmar and consular assistant Claire Simbulan of Timor-Leste.

"By having a tobacco-free SEA Games, we ensure a genuine celebration not only of athletic prowess but also emphasize the important relationship between sports and health," said Buhain.

Cheers to that, Eric. And since smoking is bad for the health, let's lift our glasses to its demise.

FAST—AND FURIOUS Filipino Paul del Rosario rounds a buoy on the way to a first-place finish in the first heat of the jet ski World Finals in Arizona. Two disputed calls later, however, Del Rosario was disqualified by the event's technical committee and lost his second overall honors.

Tale of woe by RP champ

FILIPINO champion jet ski rider Paul del Rosario would have returned home to a hero's welcome.

Instead, he arrived empty-handed despite obliterating the field in the 2004 International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJSBA) World Finals in Lake Havsu City, Arizona, recently.

Del Rosario still expects to get his due, however, after the US Yamaha Corp. filed an official protest on his behalf and contested the disqualification of his jet ski racing machine.

"The US Yamaha Corp. told me we have an 80-percent chance of winning because of the merits of our protest," Del Rosario told reporters yesterday at the Manila Yacht Club.

The technical committee of the World Finals took back his runner-up honors, claiming his boat was below the weight limit of 490 lb.

"My Superstock boat is a Yamaha GPR1200 that weighs 610 lb, which is still way within the limit," said Del Rosario, who is also backed by Petron, Manila Cordage, Networx Jetsports and Stoked Inc. "I told them this was the same hull used by the 2002 World Finals by world champion Chris Lawrence and built by David Harvey, but they wouldn't listen. When they couldn't find an explanation for the disqualification, they simply told me my boat 'looks illegal.'"

Del Rosario was entered in the premier Superstock Division, where he crushed the challenge of world champion Theerawat Lhabib of Thailand in Race 1.

The Filipino, off to a good start again in Race 2, was already way ahead of the pack that included 2003 World Finals runner-up Robert Schalze when he was red-flagged by the officials for supposedly not keeping his line straight going to the first turn.

"I was already way beyond the 50-percent mark to the first turn where you are already permitted to change lanes," he recalled. "That call cost me a world title."

Officials penalized Del Rosario by putting him in the 15th and last spot at the starting line.

Determined to salvage a decent finish, the Filipino still wound up fourth overall in the race.

Del Rosario's first-place showing in Race 1, combined with his 7th place finish in the Slalom and his 4th place in Race 2, netted him a second overall placing behind the Thai world champion.

But the technical committee later took that finish away.

"I felt bad after that, especially when I saw the world champion waving the Thailand flag," Del Rosario said. "That would have been me. I had placed the Philippine flag under my uniform because I was confident of winning the world title."

SPORTSWATCH

Filipinos battle Malaysians

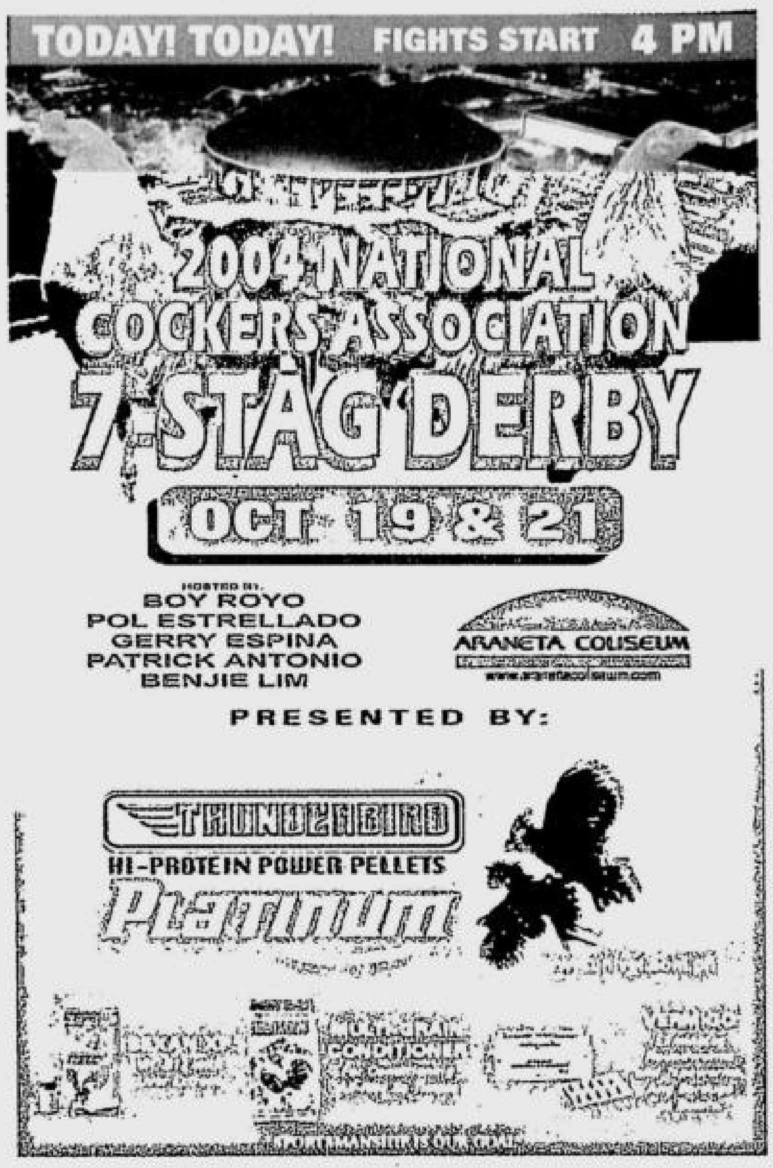
THE PHILIPPINES-Cebuana Lhuillier team faces host Malaysia tonight in the Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar International Invitational Basketball Championship in Kuala Lumpur. La Salle's BJ Manalo, University of the East's Nino Canaleta, San Beda's Clark Moore and Jeff Bombeyo, former PBL players Melchor Latoreno and Christian Luamzon beef up the RP team vying for the title against the hosts and the national teams of Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand. Veteran internationalists Ricky Calimag, Dennis Madrid and Donbel Villamin and 6-9 rookie Samigue Eman and Eder John Zaldua are also part of the team that hopes to scout the opposition in next year's Southeast Asian Games, said assistant team manager Danny Francisco. The Filipinos next face Thailand on Oct. 19.

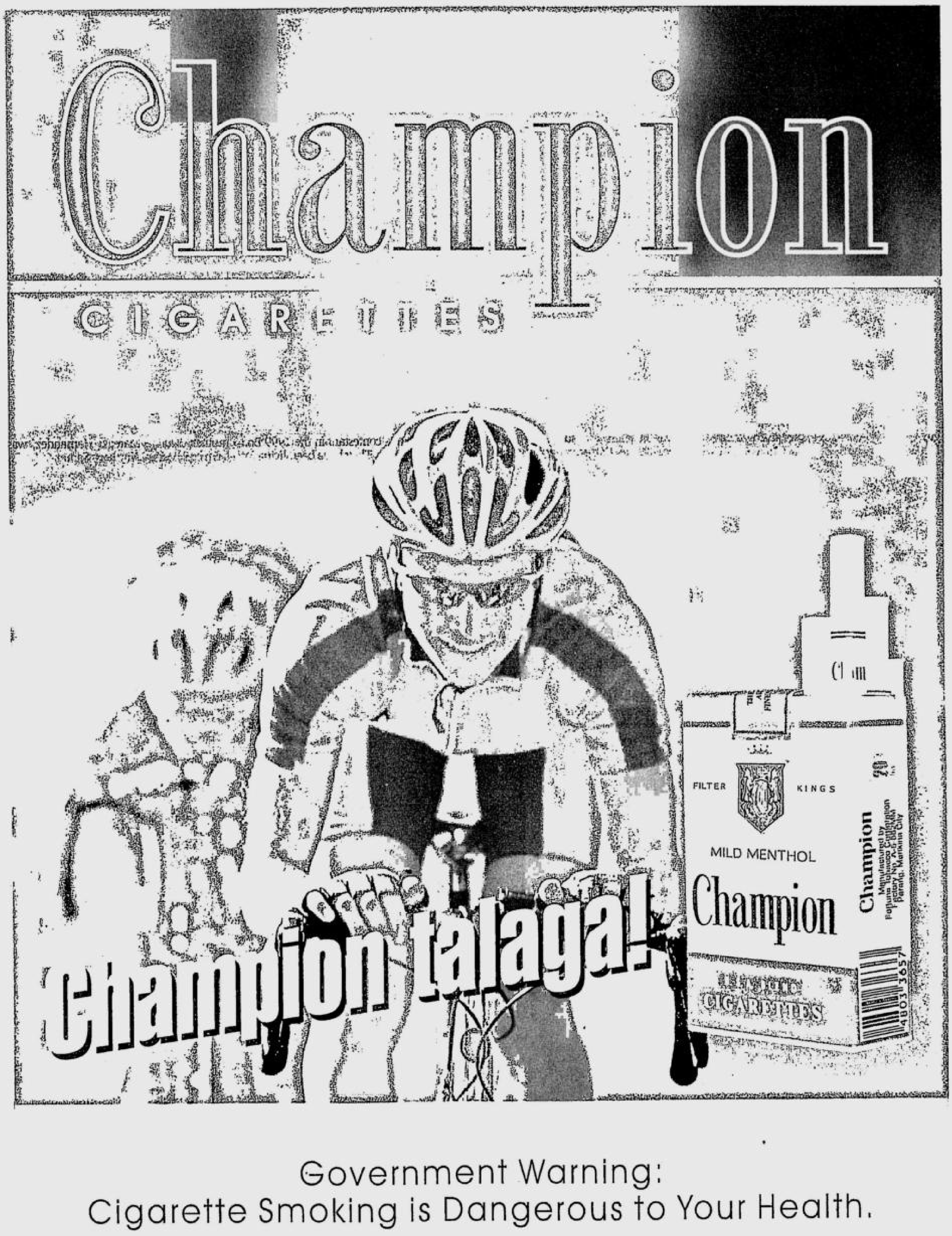
Pinoy rowers bag 2 golds

SHANGHAI, China—The Philippine men's dragon boat racing team won two gold medals in the 2004 Dragon City Cup China Longyou International invitational tournament here. The Filipinos ruled the 500-meter race in 2 minutes 1.44 seconds, and then completed a double by taking the 2,500-m round racing event in 12 minutes 54.5 seconds. The event served as a preview of the fifth world championships to be conducted by the International Dragon Boat Federation here from Oct. 20 to 24. "We're happy with our twin victories," said delegation head and coach Nestor Ilagan. "But we need to work harder to improve our chances in the world competition."

NCA 5th leg derby slated

FORTY entries are vying to steal the limelight from the Richard Bates-Ito Yñares partnership and Boy Jiao when the two-day penultimate leg of the NCA 7-Stag Derby unfolds on Oct. 19 at the Araneta Coliseum. The fifth derby in the series serves as a preview of next month's National Championship. The Bates-Yñares pair and Jiao, who is favored to bag the Stagfighter of the Year title, shared honors in the derby at the same venue last Oct. 5 and 7 by posting 6-1 slates. The Bates-Yñares entry, Binangonan Balbina Cutting Edge-III, lost its first fight before winning its next six. The fifth edition of the derby series is presented by Univet Thunderbird and hosted by Boy Royo, Pol Estrellado and Biliran Rep. Gerry Boy Espina.


TODAY! TODAY! FIGHTS START 4 PM
2004 NATIONAL COCKERS ASSOCIATION
7-STAG DERBY
OCT 19 & 21
HOSTED BY:
BOY ROYO
POL ESTRELLADO
GERRY ESPINA
PATRICK ANTONIO
BENJIE LIM
ARANETA COLISEUM
www.aranetacoliseum.com
PRESENTED BY:
THUNDERBIRD
HI-PROTEIN POWER PELLETS
Platinum


Champion
CIGARETTES
Champion talaga!
FILTER KINGS
MILD MENTHOL
Champion
Government Warning:
Cigarette Smoking is Dangerous to Your Health.

NBA
sportsplus
C EASTERN AST to C WESTERN AST
TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS LIVE!
SKYCABLE THE BIGGEST SHOW ON AIR
HOME CABLE
NBA 2004 -2005 SEASON
15
DAYS TO GO

OCT 24!
A REAL FAT CAT IS COMING TO INQUIRER

LONGEST GAME

Ortiz homer lifts Sox past Yankees

BOSTON—David Ortiz smacked a two-run homer in the bottom of the 12th inning to give the Red Sox a 6-4 victory over the New York Yankees on Monday, enabling Boston to avoid a sweep in the American League Championship Series.

With Manny Ramirez on first base, Ortiz sent a Paul Quantrill pitch soaring over the right-field fence—setting off wild celebrations among the Fenway Park fans who stayed to watch what had become the longest game in ALCS history.

"This is a team that never gives up," said Ortiz, who drove in four of Boston's six runs. "That's the way the game is supposed to be played. You keep playing hard till the last out." Despite the defeat, New York leads the best-of-seven series 3-1 and can secure a World Series berth in Game Five later on Monday, also in Boston.

Yankees manager Joe Torre tried to put a brave face on the loss, but warned that momentum can shift quickly.

"Every game has a life of its own... and good clubs come back from bad things happening," Torre said after the five-hour game, which started on Sunday and finished in the early hours of Monday.

The Yankees had appeared to have the series wrapped up heading into the ninth inning with a 4-3 lead.

However, with no outs and pinch runner Dave Roberts having stolen second base, Bill Mueller singled to center field off ace New York closer Mariano Rivera, scoring Roberts and sending the game into extra innings.

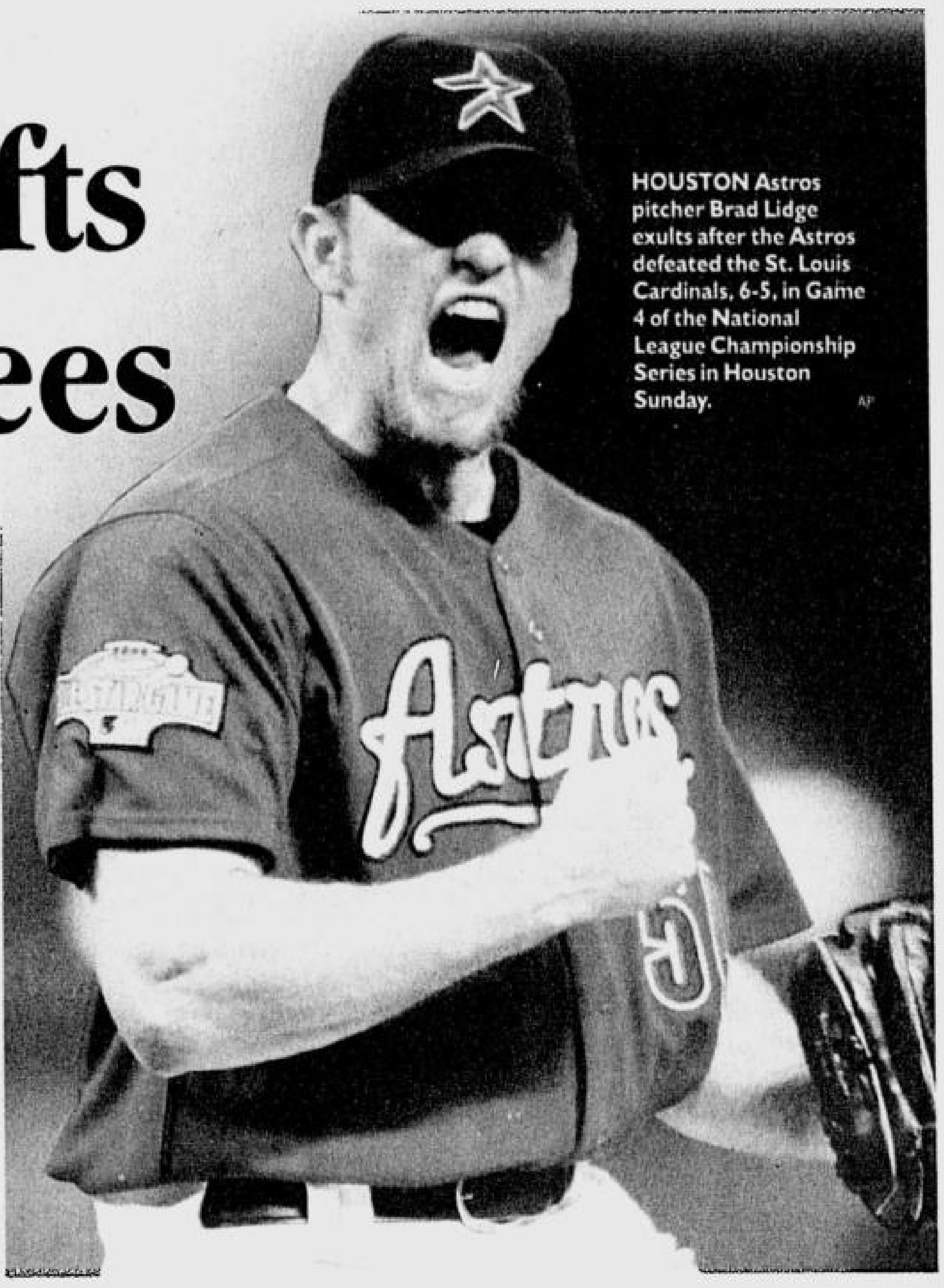
Earlier, Alex Rodriguez put the Yankees on the scoreboard first by blasting a two-run homer off Red Sox starter Derek Lowe in the third inning.

Boston fought back in the fifth as Yankees starter Orlando Hernandez struggled. Orlando Cabrera drove in a run and then, with bases loaded, Ortiz singled to center field to add two more.

New York scored two more runs in the sixth, after Hideki Matsui, who had tripled off Lowe, was scored by Bernie Williams, before Tony Clark's RBI single drove in catcher Jorge Posada.

Hernandez struck out six but allowed five walks, three hits and three runs over five innings.

Reuters



HOUSTON Astros pitcher Brad Lidge exults after the Astros defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-5, in Game 4 of the National League Championship Series in Houston Sunday. AP

Astros tie Cards

HOUSTON, Texas—Carlos Beltran homered for the fifth straight game, snapping a seventh-inning tie with a solo shot as Houston beat St. Louis, 6-5, Sunday to level baseball's National League Championship Series at two games apiece.

Already sure to be among the most sought after free agents in the offseason, Beltran is upping his market value with a superb postseason.

In his first postseason, the 27-year-old is batting .486 with 11 of his 18 hits going for extra bases. He also scored 19 runs and driven in 14 in Houston's nine playoff games.

After Houston erased an early 3-0 deficit and rallied from 5-3 down in the sixth with a pair of runs, Julian Tavarez was brought in to face Beltran to start the seventh. Already 1-for-2 with two runs scored in the contest, Beltran golfed a low 2-2 pitch over the right field wall.

"He's a guy that has a real good sinker, real good slider and also has a split," Beltran said. "I just told myself 'just relax, stay back and put the ball in play.' "It wasn't a good pitch for him, and I was able to show my bat."

Tavarez said: "I was trying to get a ground ball by Beltran. I got the ball down, and he hit it out. I wanted to get the ball down and away. If it was away, it would have been a wild pitch, but it was in there, and he hit it out."

Beltran's eighth homer of the postseason tied the all-time record, set by San Francisco's Barry Bonds in 2002.

"It feels great just to be able to do something that Barry Bonds did," Beltran said. "At the same time, I'm just going out there to do my job. I'm not thinking about hitting home runs."

After Dan Wheeler worked an impressive seventh inning, Astros manager Phil Garner turned to closer Brad Lidge.

AFP

Els rules Match Play anew, pockets $1.8M

VIRGINIA WATER, England—Ernie Els beat Lee Westwood, 2&1, in a gripping final at Wentworth on Sunday to win a record sixth World Match Play Championshi p and claim the biggest first prize in golf.

The South African world No. 2 celebrated his 35th birthday by pocketing a check for 1.0 million pounds ($1.8 million) after clinching his third successive victory in the tournament.

The two players were locked together at the halfway point of the final but Els moved two ahead with an eagle at the 22nd hole and played solid golf to keep Westwood, ranked 37 places below him, at bay.

The British Ryder Cup player, who had inflicted two of Els' four defeats at the World Match Play event, did pull a hole back with a delightful iron shot to birdie the 33rd but Els immediately restored his two-hole cushion.

Westwood, made a birdie on the 35th hole but Els sank a snaking 20-foot putt to match his opponent and claim the 52nd title of his professional career.

Els, who owns a house on the Wentworth estate, also clinched his second successive European order of merit crown.

Reuters

Sorenstam trips Park; Jenny 13th

PALM DESERT, California—Annika Sorenstam erased a three-shot deficit and cashed in on a breakdown by Grace Park to win the $825,000 Samsung World Championship by three strokes on Sunday.

Sorenstam posted her tour-leading sixth win this season and 54th career victory.

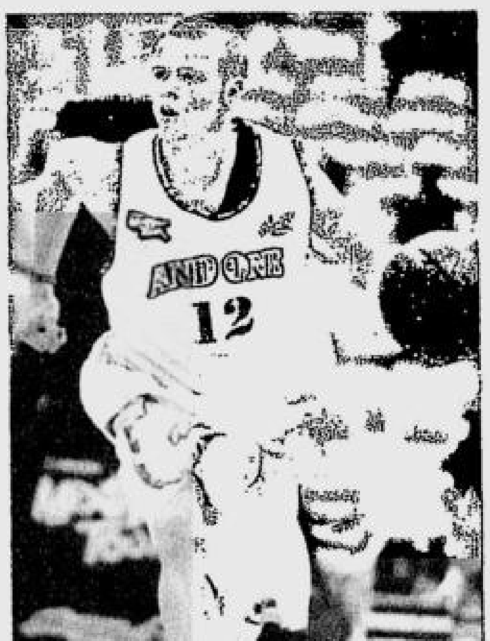
Filipino Jennifer Rosales fired a 72 and wound up tied for 13th and 14th at 283. Rosales bagged $16,000 (roughly P656M)

The 34-year-old Swede engineered a six-shot swing over the final half dozen holes, highlighted by a superb 40-foot eagle chip at the 15th hole that allowed her to finally catch South Korea's Park.

"I was just thinking, it was a little trickier than I thought," Sorenstam said of the chip. "It was a lot downhill. I had a little problem reading the greens today. I couldn't really see all of the breaks. This one looked like it was breaking right and left, left and right, all over the place, so I pretty much played left-to-right, I wanted to get it close. It was birdie that I was counting for, so it was a nice surprise." Sorenstam took the lead for good with a six-foot birdie at the par-four 17th and she parred the final hole to complete a sizzling 32 on the back nine of the Bighorn Golf Club. Her bogey-free five-under-par 67 stood up as the best round of the day.

"You know, when I did chip-in, she probably looked at the leader word and suddenly felt, 'I've got some tough holes left and suddenly it's all even,'" Sorenstam said.

AFP



GRAYSON "The Professor" Boucher typifies AND 1 brand of basketball.

Mix Tape Tour to make Manila, Asia visit Nov. 6

BASKETBALL footwear and apparel company AND 1 is taking its worldwide AND 1 Mix Tape Tour to the Far East this November for the first time.

This unique marriage of street basketball and hip-hop music has a cult following in the United States, where the tour recently stopped in 30 cities this summer. The five-year-old tour went to Europe last September and this year and continues reaching international fans by expanding the tour to Japan, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand.

The best streetball players in the world will descend upon seven Asian-Pacific cities to showcase the gritty, rough-and-tumble style of basketball on America's playgrounds. The tour features living playground legends like Aaron 'AO' Owens, Tyron 'Alimoe' Evans, Wally 'Main Event' Dixon and others, including the newest addition to the team—and winner of the 2004 AND 1 endorsement contract—Dennis 'Spyda' Chism.

Local streetballers will also have the opportunity to participate and showcase their basketball skills. The tour dates, stops and venues are as follows: Ariake Coliseum, Tokyo, Japan, Nov. 3; Araneta Coliseum, Manila, Nov. 6, Brisbane Entertainment Center, Brisbane, Australia, Nov. 10; Sydney Entertainment Center, Sydney, Nov. 12; Challenge Stadium, Perth, Australia, Nov. 17; Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 20; Waitakere Trusts Stadium, Auckland, New Zealand, Nov. 23.

For inquiries, call 751-7891 or e-mail tca@relzback.com or tfb@relzbach.com. For tickets, call 911-5555.

DOJ to 5 'Fil-shams': Leave or face arrest

From page A17

graft charges against three civil registrars who allegedly helped in manufacturing three of the players' citizenship papers.

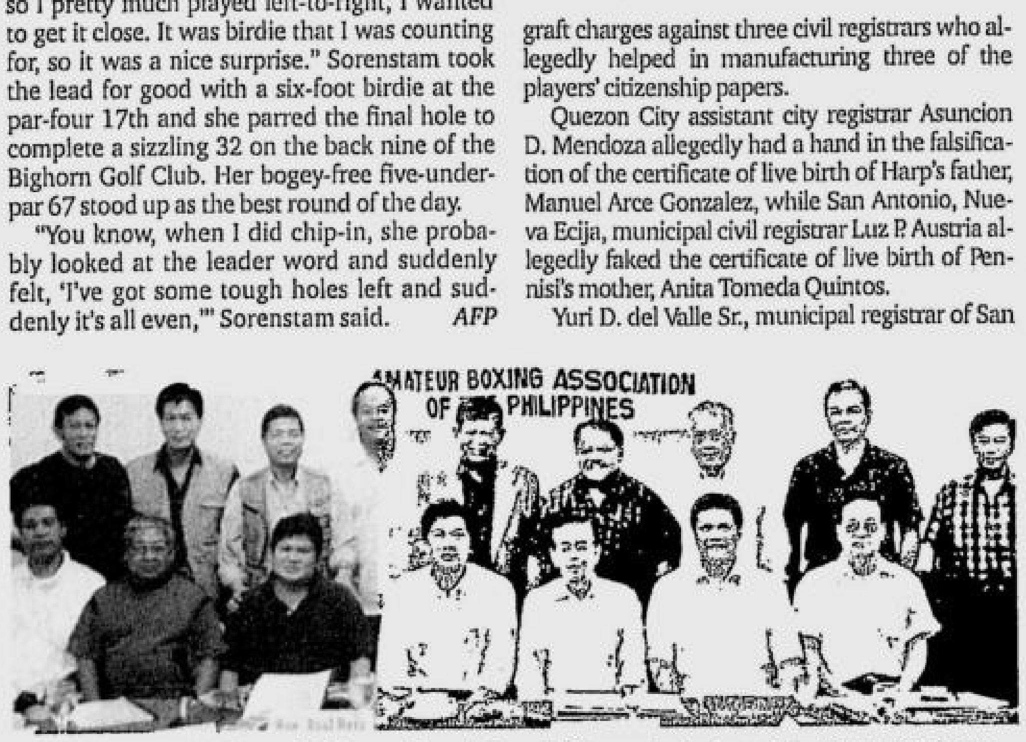
Quezon City assistant city registrar Asuncion D. Mendoza allegedly had a hand in the falsification of the certificate of live birth of Harp's father, Manuel Arce Gonzalez, while San Antonio, Nueva Ecija, municipal civil registrar Luz P. Austria allegedly faked the certificate of live birth of Pennisi's mother, Anita Tomeda Quintos.

Yuri D. del Valle Sr., municipal registrar of San Jose, Northern Samar, would also be investigated for issuing the questionable certificate of live birth of Pauline Hernandez Mateaki, Taulava's mother.

These civil registrars issued the questionable certificates of live births to show that the player's parents were born in their localities and thus, were Filipinos. However, the Senate in 2003 and the DOJ committee that Gonzalez created to investigate the players concluded that these documents were spurious.

The DOJ committee, headed by Chief State Counsel Ricardo Paras III, recommended that Taulava be deported even if he is married to Filipina Anna Mae Corveau.

The committee said there was enough "substantial evidence" to proceed with the second deportation of Taulava on the grounds of "misrepresentation as a Filipino citizen" before the Bureau of Immigration and the Department of Justice when he applied for recognition as a Filipino citizen.


AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

BOXING BOSSES: Manuel T. Lopez (fourth from left) was elected president for a third term by the Abap Board of Trustees by acclamation recently. Seated (from left) Mayor Benggoy Yap, Nemesio Monton, lawyer Liberato Reyna , Gov. Raul Daza , Rogelio Fortaleza , Dr. Charles Cheng. Standing (from left) Odi Domingo, Emmanuel Alfelor, Babes Ciokon, Councilor Boogie Apostadero , Rep. Gigi Aggabao, lawyer Pelagio Estopia, Mayor Ludovico Badoy, Ruben Roque, lawyer Boy Sering and Capt. Leary Balanay.

Baguio leg of Samsung Tour on

BAGUIO—Former national amateur champ Dave Hernandez expects the toughest challenge from local aces in the sixth leg of the Samsung Amateur Tour starting today at the Camp John Hay course in Baguio City.

Out to challenge Hernandez, the ex-pro from Calatagan Golf Club in his bid to join the elite championship division, are local ace Chester Calpotura and regular Tour campaigner Jong Laput.

This week's winner will join early qualifiers Juvic Pagunsan, who is set to lead the country's campaign in the Puerto Rico world amateur tilt, Raymund Sangil, Korean ace Kim Chang Hoi, Jay Bayron and Boyet Saragoza in the national finals.

Manila entries dominate the huge 180-player field, lured by perfect playing conditions at high altitude, which Baguio offers, and the chance to prepare early for the Fil-Am championships next month, according to organizer Boy Blue Ocampo.

"Nice weather, nice golf course. Golf in Baguio is always hard to resist," said Camp John Hay golf manager Bong Vilchez, who welcomed participants during their practice rounds yesterday.

Hernandez is seeking another major title after topping the Mt. Malarayat mid-amateur tourney recently.

The last elimination leg will be played at the Cebu Country Club course on Dec. 14-17. For inquiries, call the PSMG office at 635-00-10.

'Star Circle Quest' rejects make it to 'StarStruck'

DOLLYWOOD

Dolly Ann Carvajal

I HEARD that four of the latest "StarStruck" survivors first tried their luck in "Star Circle Quest" but they didn't even make it to the preliminary round.

If and when they win in GMA 7's "StarStruck," will ABS-CBN regret letting them go? How ironic that the two giant networks constantly imitating each other's formats seem to have different standards in eyeing star material. I wonder if one day some of them will jump from the station that discovered them to the rival channel, like many big stars do.

In show biz, loyalty (to partners and networks) is always subject to change without prior notice. And the networks end up not knowing what struck them as they go around in circles.

'Extra Challenge' contest

KNOW what makes "Extra Challenge" exciting even off-cam?

The reality show has two sets of staff who compete in coming up with a more innovative challenge in every episode. While the star challengers slug it out on-cam, the two groups of staff members are trying to outdo each other, too.

What a driven bunch! I heard that the challengers are paid not less than P80,000 so they really have to grin and bear it. Hopefully, no grave accident will ever happen on the show.

Still on "Extra Challenge," could it be true that romance blossomed between **Joyce Jimenez** and **Wendell Ramos** while they were on location in India? Oh well, love is the ultimate challenge of all!

Who asked for sex?

KATHERINE **Luna** is fuming mad at **Aleck Bovick.**

They used to be close friends and, at one point, Katherine even came to Aleck's defense when the latter was embroiled in a controversy with **Jay Manalo.** Katherine is irked by Aleck's insinuations that Katherine asked her to have sex with her.

"The truth is, Aleck was the one inviting me to join her and her manager in an orgy," alleged Katherine. "She was on speaker phone while we were talking and I had friends with me at that time who can confirm that she really said that," said Katherine.

She feels that Aleck is just pretending to be a dyke to generate publicity. "I don't believe that she's a T-bird," said Katherine. "Gimmick *lang niya yun para maging* controversial. It's so cheap. I know her escapades with men. We used to have girls' talk and compare notes."

Be that as it may, Katherine has nothing against the third sex. "I can fall for anybody except the likes of Aleck," she added.

Friends, enemies and lovers. The demarcation lines get thinner as the plot gets thicker!

Success

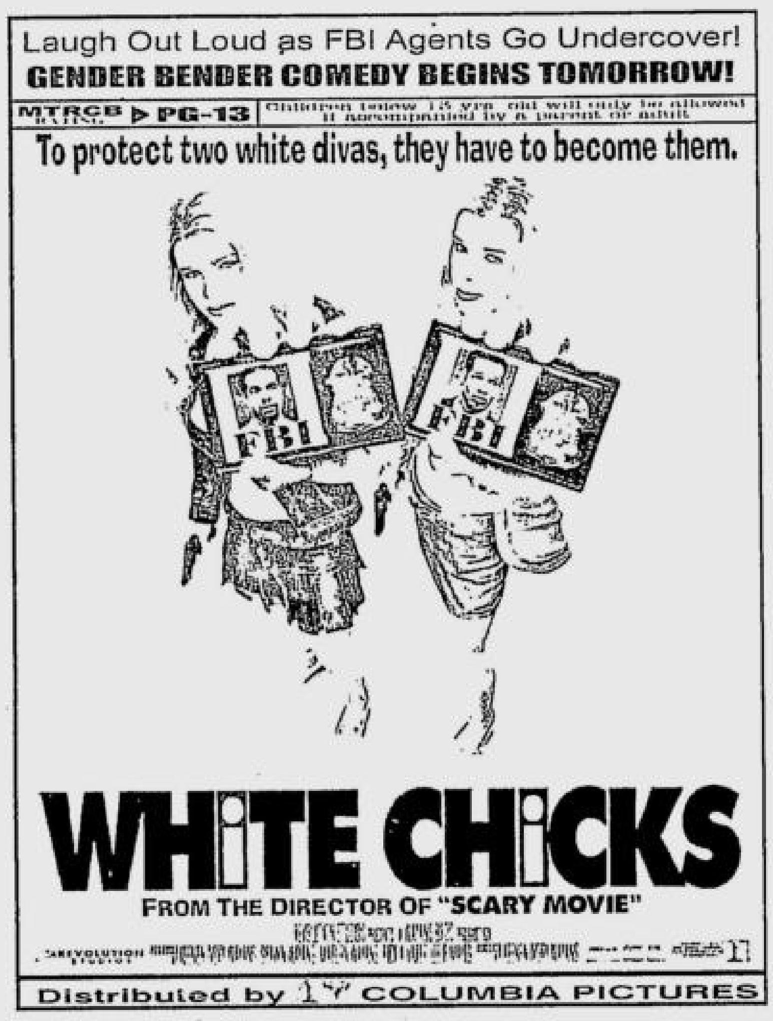
THE ALLIANCE Française de Manille recently presented an evening fusing art and fashion and combined with video technology in "Au-Delà du vêtement (Beyond Garments) Fashion Video . . . Fashion Moments, at the Greenbelt Expo Exchange.

"Au-Delà du vêtement (Beyond Garments) Fashion Video . . . Fashion Moments" brought together the creative geniuses of the most progressive videographers from France, the

STAR/ A22

THIRD WEEK!
MTRCB ▶ R-13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND UP
★★★ FLASH ★ FLASH ★ FLASH ★★★
BREAKING BOXOFFICE RECORDS IN MANILA
MILLA JOVOVICH
The beginning of the end.
#1 MOVIE IN AMERICA
RESIDENT EVIL: Apocalypse

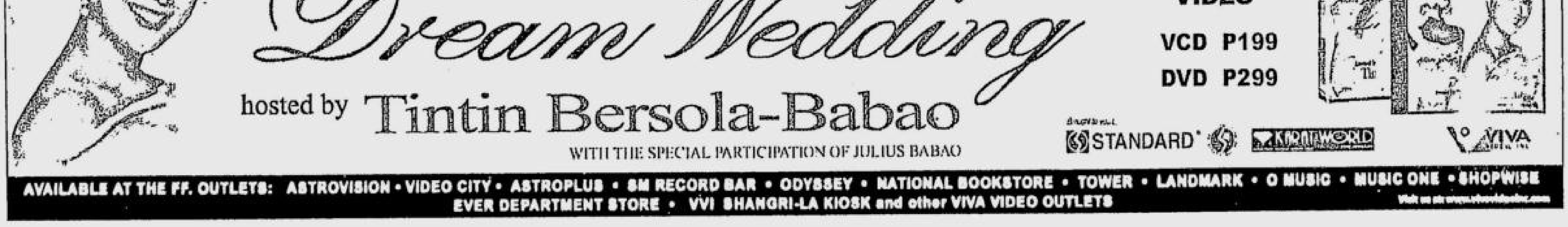
NOW SHOWING
MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13 Children below 13 yrs. old will be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult.
ANOTHER "TALK-OF-THE-TOWN" ROMANTIC LOVE STORY FROM THE COMPANY THAT GAVE YOU "THE NOTEBOOK"
KIRSTEN DUNST
PAUL BETTANY
Featuring "This Love" by Maroon 5
To become a winner. all you need is a little love from across the net
WIMBLEDON


Laugh Out Loud as FBI Agents Go Undercover!
GENDER BENDER COMEDY BEGINS TOMORROW!
MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13 Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult.
To protect two white divas, they have to become them.
FBI
FBI
WHITE CHICKS
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF "SCARY MOVIE"
Distributed by COLUMBIA PICTURES

MTRCB RATING R-13 NOW SHOWING
ASIA'S TOP DIRECTORS TERRIFY AUDIENCES IN THE MOST HORRIFYING GHOST STORIES EVER FILMED!
WINNER! BEST PICTURE BEST DIRECTOR BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY BEST ACTOR
Tatlong beses kang mamamatay sa sindak!!!
three
This time, you'll be haunted by bizarre emotions more intense than FEAR!
Distributed by Solar Entertainment Corporation

OPENS TOMORROW
MTRCB RATING R-18
The Sin
R.S.PROMOTION PLC. PRESENTS AN ALADDIN HOUSE PRODUCTION

DIAL THE RIGHT NUMBER TOMORROW!
MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13 PARENTS ARE CAUTIONED IN BRINGING ALONG KIDS OF 7YEARS AND BELOW, BECAUSE OF SOME SCENES THAT MIGHT STRESS THEIR SENSIBILITIES
THESE PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP!
KIDNAPPED
KIDNAPPED
KIDNAPPED
WHAT YOU ARE HOLDING COULD SAVE THEM
CELLULAR
THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON IN THE WORLD IS IN YOUR HANDS.
KIM BASINGER CHRIS EVANS JASON STATHAM
NEW LINE CINEMA


All You Need To Do Before The Big "I DO".
plan your Dream Wedding
hosted by Tintin Bersola-Babao
WITH THE SPECIAL PARTICIPATION OF JULIUS BABAO
OWN IT ON ORIGINAL VIDEO
VCD P199
DVD P299
STANDARD
VIVA
AVAILABLE AT THE FF. OUTLETS: ASTROVISION • VIDEO CITY • ASTROPLUS • SM RECORD BAR • ODYSSEY • NATIONAL BOOKSTORE • TOWER • LANDMARK • O MUSIC • MUSIC ONE • SHOPWISE
EVER DEPARTMENT STORE • VVI SHANGRI-LA KIOSK and other VIVA VIDEO OUTLETS

Screaming, crying girls mob Johnny Depp in London

LONDON—Throngs of screaming girls braved a chilly London night to get a glimpse of American actor Johnny Depp on Sunday as he arrived at the UK premiere of the film "Finding Neverland."

Depp was greeted by hundreds of squealing young women, some crying, as they clamored for an autograph of the Hollywood heartthrob at Leicester Square in central London.

The 41-year-old star, who has been tipped to win an Oscar for his role as Peter Pan author J.M. Barrie in "Finding Neverland," obliged and took his time greeting fans as he strolled slowly along the red carpet.

Depp attended the premiere along with co-star Kate Winslet, who plays the mother of the boy who gave Barrie the inspiration for the classic tale.

The British actress said she couldn't have played the role of Sylvia Llewelyn Davies if she wasn't a mother herself.

"It just changes how you are physically and it made a huge difference in playing this part," the actress told Sky News.

The film, which also stars Julie Christie and Dustin Hoffman, will be released in Britain on Oct. 29. *Reuters*

'Star Circle Quest' rejects . . .

From page A21

Philippines' foremost group of young designers and models.

Each of the 12 members of The Young Designers Guild presented live creative expressions inspired by fashion videos made by international videographers and designers. The event was under the overall artistic design, supervision and direction of **Robby Carmona** of Saga Events.

Present during the affair were board members of the Alliance Française: **Bernardo Sim**, president; **Aurelio Montinola III**, vice-president; **Lulu Tan-Gan**, cultural committee chair, and **Sevrine Mialhe**, education committee chair. **Philippe Normand**, institute director of the Alliance, also welcomed **François Blamont**, cultural counselor of the French Embassy in Manila.

"Au-delà du vêtement (Beyond Garments) Fashion Video . . . Fashion Moments" will continue its run at the Jorge B. Vargas Museum, Roxas Avenue, UP Diliman, Quezon City. Opening night is Oct. 19 and it will end on Nov. 19. It will also be shown simultaneously at the Alliance Total Gallery at 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel Air II, Makati City up to Nov. 30.

'Sa Kandungan'

AFTER "Magnifico" and "Babae sa Breakwater," here's another film for the Philippines to be proud of.

Shot in digital format and with mostly amateur actors in the cast, "Sa Kandungan" (Heaven's Cradles) was included in the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival.

Produced by White Windows Film Productions of Mr. **Jae Jung Jang** and shot in a leper colony, "Sa Kandungan" got a high rating when it was shown on GMA-7 last Holy Thursday and also earned a nomination from the recent CMMA together with "Crying Ladies," "Mano Po" and "Filipinas." Unfortunately, CMMA did not declare a winner.

Gina . Marissa Tagasa, who wrote and directed the film, is hopeful that the feat of "Sa Kandungan" will inspire independent outfits to produce sensible films that will help pave the way for Filipino filmmakers to penetrate the international film market.

For feedback, e-mail wateringhole-shangrila@yahoo.com or dolly-anne@truefaithband.com

Official fears 'sexy' ads might fill sidewalk

LUCENA CITY—The political opposition here has opposed the proposed conversion of the city's covered sidewalk as advertisement space for businesses.

Councilor Godofredo Faller expressed apprehension that the walkway would be filled with big photographs of sexy stars endorsing products.

But the local official who proposed the project, Councilor Dada Cabana, argued that an important provision of the proposal stresses that "all visual messages shall conform to decency and good taste."

The proposal is meant to generate additional revenue for the city. It is expected to earn an estimated P1.2 million a year from space rentals.

The project also aims to reinvigorate the business activity in the city's central district, which slowed down with the opening of three giant malls in the outskirts of the city last year, Cabana said.

Faller, however, maintained that the City Hall should instead amend the local ordinance that gives a five-year tax holiday to mall operators. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

MOVIE GUIDE
NOW SHOWING

CINEMA 2000
Movie Theatres of the New Millenium

Cinema 2000 Target Mall
(Sta. Rosa, Laguna) tel (049) 837.0926
1 RESERVED
2 RESERVED
3 (DTS) RESERVED

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383
1 OPEN WATER
2 (DTS) SHARK TALE
3 (DOLBY) LADDER 49
4 SECRET WINDOWS

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
(Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146
1 SECRET WINDOWS
2 (DOLBY) LADDER 49
3 (DTS) SHARK TALE
4 OPEN WATER

Cinema 2000 Cinemagix
(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771
1 SECRET WINDOWS
2 MIND HUNTERS
3 (DOLBY) THE EXORCIST

Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202
1 (DOLBY) LADDER 49
2 CRISANTA ...IBA KA
3 (DTS) OPEN WATER
4 SECRET WINDOW
5 PUNISHER

Mega Center Mall
(Cabanatuan City) tel (044) 463.3283
1 RASING HELEN
2 CRISANTA ...IBA KA
3 (DTS) PUNISHER
4 (DOLBY) FENG SHUI

Fiesta World Mall
(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790
1 PUNISHER
2 THE NOTEBOOK
3 TAKAW TINGIN
4 OPEN WATER

Cinema 2000 Metrotown
(Tarlac) tel (045) 982.1729
1 SAVE
2 SECRET WINDOW
3 (DOLBY) THE BOURNE SUPREMACY
4 (DTS) THE EXORCIST THE BEGINNING

Jade Cinema
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03
1 (DOLBY EX) LADDER 49
2 SHARK TALE
3 (DTS ES) OPEN WATER
4 THE NOTEBOOK

Cine Nepo
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.0121
1 SECRET WINDOW
2 OPEN WATER
3 (DOLBY) LADDER 49
4 (DTS) SHARK TALE

Cine Nepo
(Dagupan City) tel (075) 515.8489
1 THE NOTEBOOK
2 OPEN WATER
3 (DOLBY) SECRET WINDOW
4 (DTS) THE EXORCISRT

Centre Plaza Cinema
(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007
1 THE NOTEBOOK
2 DODGEBALL

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Plaridel) tel (044) 7953320
1 SHARK TALE
2 PUNISHER
3 (DOLBY) OPEN WATER

MOVIES / SCHEDULES / PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

Seeemall! AYALA CENTER CEBU
AT THE CENTER AYALA CENTER CEBU
CEBU CITY GOVERNMENT'S MS. UNITED NATIONS 2004 CELEBRATION
October 19, 2004
AYALA CINEMAS
ACC AYALA CENTER CEBU
1 SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW
2 RAISING HELEN
3 FAHRENHEIT 9 / 11
4 GODSEND
5 SHARK TALE

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD
MOVIEWORLD
CINEMA ACCESS FOR ALL BRANCHES 635-5555
Visit us: www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

TOP MOVIE THEATER
22nd Annual National Consumer's Quality Award 2004
Family Consumers Choice Award 2003

NOW SHOWING

LIPA 757-3664 / 312-5870
1 THE PUNISHER
2 THE NOTEBOOK
3 TAKAW TINGIN
4 FENG SHUI
5 OPEN WATER

DASMARIÑAS 852-2125 / 416-4332
1 RAISING HELEN
2 KRISANTA...IBA KA
3 LADDER 49
4 OPEN WATER
5 SHARK TALE

ANGELES 892-2348
1 SHARK TALE
2 OPEN WATER
3 SECRET WINDOW
4 LADDER 49

BACOLOD 441-0458 /59
1 RESERVE
2 RAISING HELEN
3 THE BOURNE SUPREMACY
4 THE NOTEBOOK
5 SAVED
6 HAÜNTED SPIRITS 2

STA. ROSA (049)837-0907
1 LADDER 49
2 RESIDENT EVIL 2
3 OPEN WATER
4 SECRET WINDOW
5 SHARK TALE

IMUS 471-8188 / 875-5858
1 LADDER 49
2 RESIDENT EVIL 2
3 THREE
4 HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS
5 SHARK TALE
6 OPEN WATER

STARMILLS San Fernando Pampanga 875-1027 / 961-5270
1 OPEN WATER
2 SYLVIA
3 SHARK TALE
4 HAUNTED SPIRITS 2
5 LADDER 49
6 FAHRENHEIT 9/11

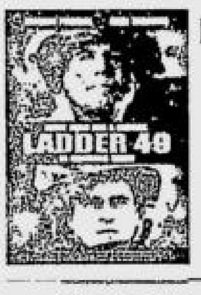
ILOILO 336-8070 / 78
1 SECRET WINDOW
2 SHARK TALE
3 SAVED
4 THE BOURNE SUPREMACY
5 TAKAW TINGIN
6 FAHRENHEIR 9/11

MOVIES/SCHEDULES/PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

SM CINEMA movietime

EVERY HERO HAS A DESTINY.
JOAQUIN PHOENIX
JOHN TRAVOLTA
LADDER 49
moviepickoftheWeek

whattowatch



LADDER 49 MTRCB Rating: PG 13
SM City Dasmariñas Cinema 2
SM City Baguio Cinema 4
SM City Marilao Cinema 4
SM City Pampanga Cinema 1
SM City Bacoor Cinema 3

OPEN WATER MTRCB Rating: PG 13
SM City Damariñas Cinema 1
SM City Marilao Cinema 2
SM City Pampanga Cinema 1
SM City Bacoor Cinema 2
SM City Cebu Cinema 6
SM City Baguio Cinema 2

SHARK TALE MTRCB Rating: G
SM City Cebu Cinema 3
SM City Dasmariñas Cinema 4
SM City Marilao Cinema 2
SM City Bacoor Cinema 4
SM City Pampanga Cinema 2
SM City Baguio Cinema 1
SM City Davao Cinema 6

RESIDENT EVIL
MTRCB Rating R 13
SM City Bacoor Cinema 7
SM CityCebu Cinema 8
SM City Davao Cinema 5

THREE
MTRCB Rating: R 13
SM City Bacoor Cinema 8

BOURNE SUPREMACY
MTRCB Rating PG 13
SM City Cagayan Cinema 1
SM City Iloilo Cinema 5

FENG SHUI
MTRCB Rating PG 13
SM City Pampanga Cinema 4
SM City Bacoor Cinema 6
SM City Cebu Cinema 7
SM City Davao Cinema 3

Movies are subject to change without prior notice · For complete movie schedule, visit www.smcinema.com

Marilou Diaz-Abaya honored with retrospective

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

AT THE recent Fukuoka Film Festival in Japan, acclaimed Filipino director **Marilou Diaz-Abaya** was honored with a retrospective of eight of her films—"Of the Flesh (Karnal)," "Redeem Her Honor," "Madonna and Child," "Milagros," "In the Navel of the Sea (Sa Pusod ng Dagat)," "Jose Rizal," "Reef Hunters (Muro-Ami)," and "New Moon (Bagong Buwan)."

In addition, Diaz-Abaya's latest film, "Noon at Ngayon," was shown in the festival proper, along with "Dekada '70."

The screenings of Marilou's films at Fukuoka were well-attended, and the audience was deeply appreciative of the filmmakers' cinematic insights.

This is no surprise, because she has been invited to show her movies at the prestigious international film fest for many years.

In the process, she has built up a loyal and even ardent following among Japanese film buffs. This was resoundingly proven a few years ago when "Jose Rizal" was invited to be shown at Tokyo's famous art film house, Iwanami Hall, and played there for months on end.

Even before that cinematic coup, Marilou was honored by the city of Fukuoka with its much-prized Culture award, the first Filipina to be given the coveted prize.

Interestingly, Marilou was honored not just for her outstanding films, but also for her growing reputation as a peacemaker. In her many interviews with various Japanese media groups, her views were sought not just on cinematic matters, but also on peace issues—and also on how films can be utilized to promote peace, harmony and understanding all over the world.

At last month's Fukuoka film fest, however, the Diaz-Abaya retrospective concentrated on her movies. The retro screenings proved to be very instructive because they showed how the filmmakers' creative and thematic focus has changed through the years.

Fortuitously, the changes have resulted in a deepening of her filmic art and craft, prompting Japanese cineastes to look forward with great anticipation and excitement to her new film project next year.

They should become even more excited, because we hear that it will have a significant Japanese component to it. That stands to reason, because Marilou's Japanese links, as buttressed by her filial relationship with famous Japanese film guru **Tadao Soto**, are a vibrant element in her overall film ethos.

MARILOU Diaz-Abaya (left) directs Cesar Montano and Caridad Sanchez in "Bagong Buwan."

Feedback

FROM **Leah A. Macatangay** of Makati City: "I wish to commend the new ABC 5 program on Saturday morning, 'Mom in the City.' It caters to mothers—but, unlike soaps that don't offer much, the new lifestyle magazine show provides mothers with quick, witty and interesting tips and discussions.

"The new show consists of several short on-site interviews or activities, like an interview on the use of bags with handbag manufacturers; helping 2- and 3-year-olds deal with temporary separation from parents; a chef giving a cooking demo; hair and makeup makeover at a leading beauty salon; an arts and crafts section, and a how-to segment on perking up old bags.

"In only 30 minutes, viewers learn a lot. Unlike some talk programs, the show doesn't engage in *chismis*, backbiting or indiscretions. I hope companies that make products for children, women and the home will support 'Mom in the City' with their sponsorship. It shows a lot of promise as informative, wholesome and entertaining viewing fare."

'Taboo'

EVERY Wednesday at 11 p.m., the new season of the "Taboo" series on the National Geographic channel examines customs and practices that are acceptable in some societies, but forbidden and even reviled in others.

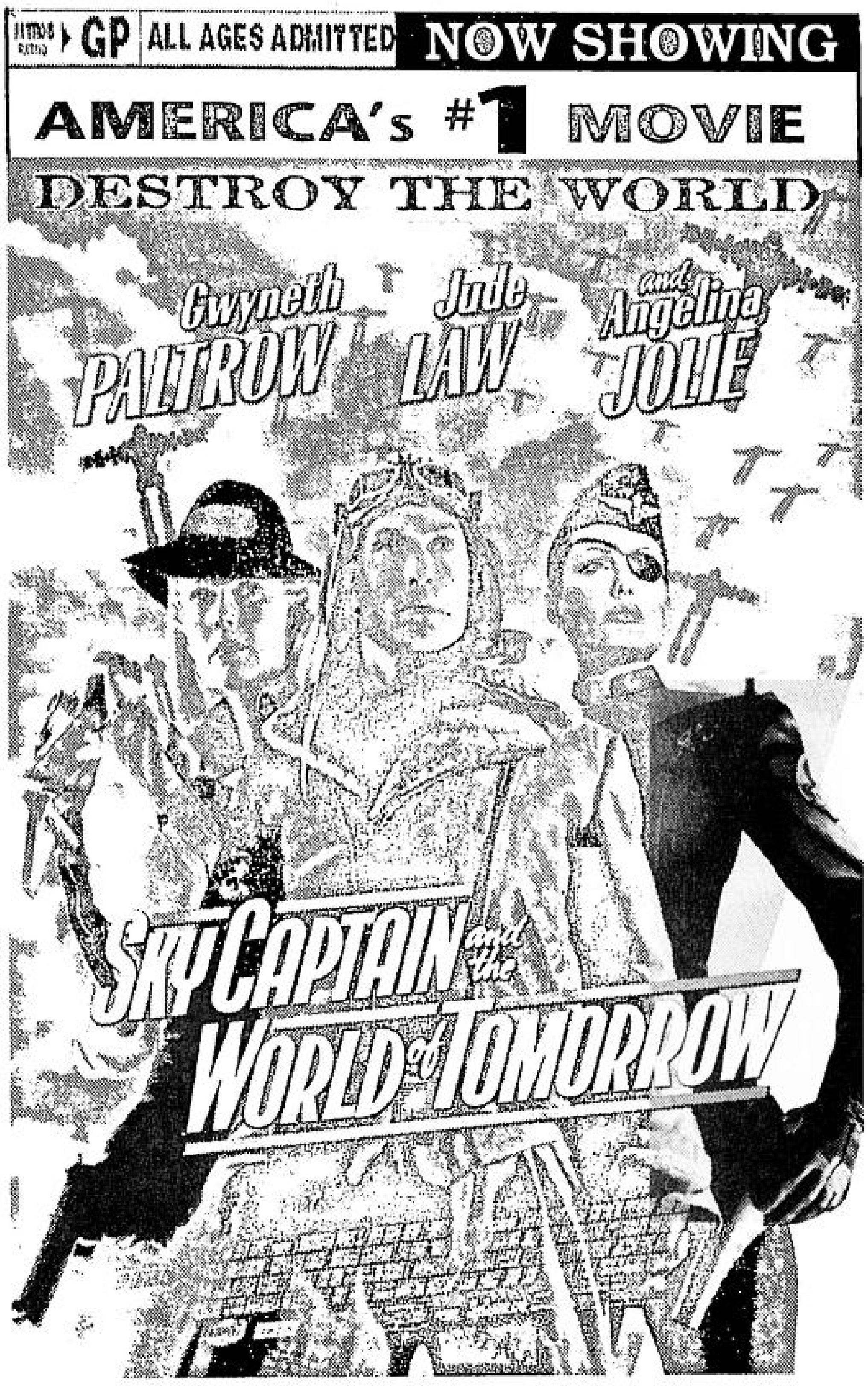
The topics featured this season range from cuisine, initiation ceremonies, medicinal therapies and occupations.

The "Taboo" episode on Oct. 20 is "Creature Cures." It focuses on unique cures of the creepy-crawly kind, like bee-sting therapy in Taiwan for people suffering from multiple sclerosis and arthritis.

Other examples are maggots used to treat wounds, and leeches as therapy in Ayurvedic medicine.

Gantimpala auditions

GANTIMPALA Theater Foundation holds auditions for its staging of **Nick Joaquin**'s "May Day Eve" and **Alejandro Roces**' "Kiko's Super Cock" at 7 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Rehearsal Hall of the Concert at the Park Auditorium, Rizal Park, Manila. Call 536-5860.


GP ALL AGES ADMITTED
NOW SHOWING
AMERICA's #1 MOVIE
DESTROY THE WORLD
Gwyneth PALTROW
Jude LAW
and Angelina JOLIE
SKY CAPTAIN and the WORLD of TOMORROW

GMA releases 'Mulawin' -inspired album

"MULAWIN," the story of the winged lovers Aguiluz (Richard Gutierrez) and Alwina (Angel Locsin), continues to fly high on primetime television.

Viewers also can't get enough of the show's haunting theme, "Ikaw Lang," written and performed by South Border.

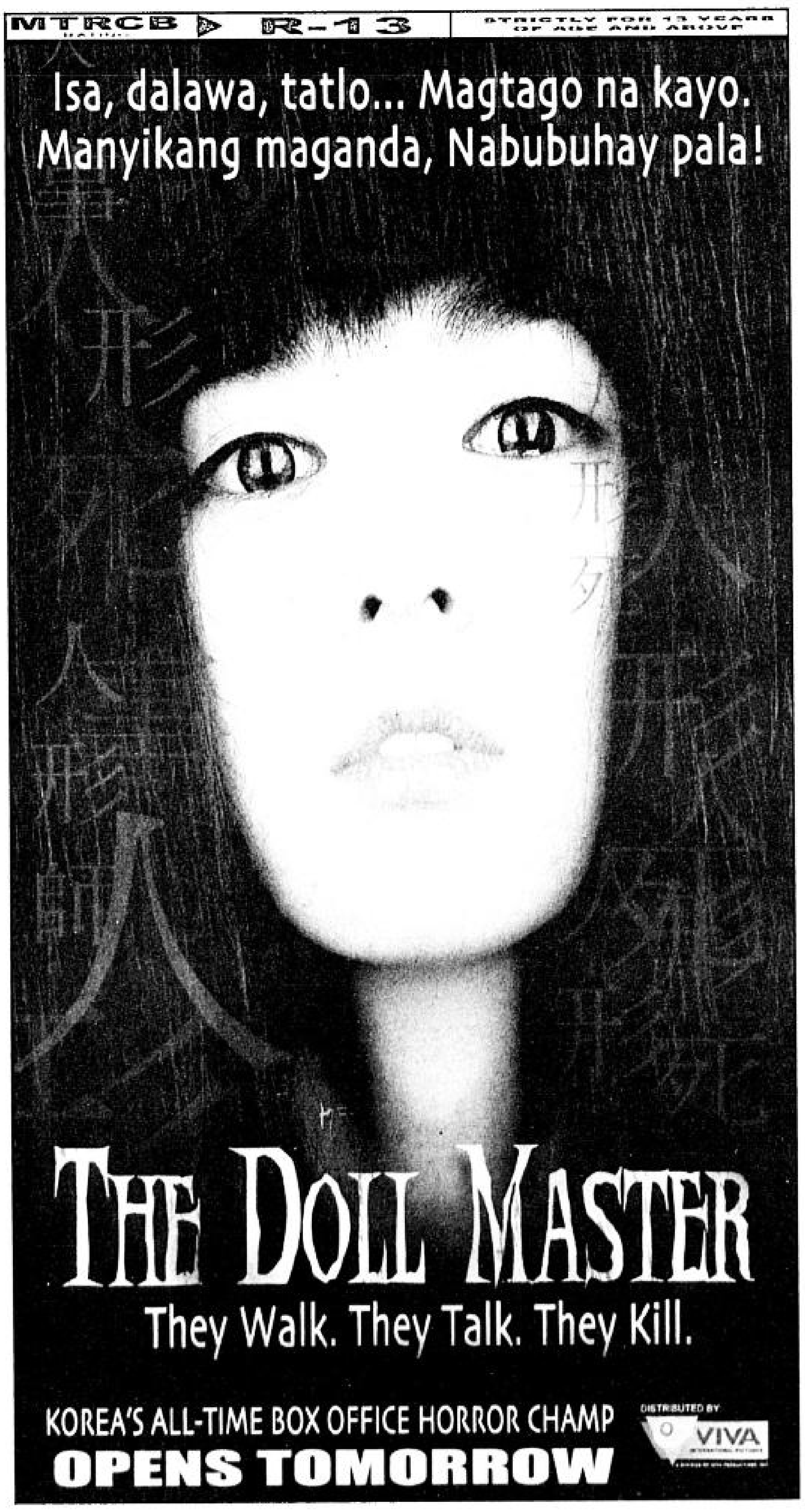
Within the first week of the start of the fantasy series, many radio stations were swarmed with requests for the "Mulawin" theme song.

GMA Records has assembled an album of songs called "Songs Inspired by Mulawin," led by the South Border track.

Some of the other cuts in the album came from the archives of the network, and some are of more recent vintage. Thus, hits by artists like Lani Misalucha, Dingdong Avanzado, Jolina Magdangal, Janno Gibbs, Tux, Sipol and Jennylyn Mercado serve as a fitting accompaniment to the phenomenon that "Mulawin" has become.

A special bonus is the minus-one version of "Ikaw Lang."

"Songs inspired by Mulawin" is available on compact discs and cassettes, at all record bars nationwide.


MTRCB R-13
STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE
Isa, dalawa, tatlo... Magtago na kayo.
Manyikang maganda, Nabubuhay pala!
THE DOLL MASTER
They Walk. They Talk. They Kill.
KOREA'S ALL-TIME BOX OFFICE HORROR CHAMP
DISTRIBUTED BY VIVA
OPENS TOMORROW

DO YOU HOLD A GRUDGE? FIND OUT ON OCTOBER 27
A SPECIAL HALLOWEEN PRESENTATION
AFTER "THE RING" COMES THE AMERICAN REMAKE OF ANOTHER SUPER-SCARY JAPANESE MOVIE PRODUCED BY SAM RAIMI (SPIDERMAN)
It never forgives.
It never forgets.
SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR
BILL PULLMAN
THE GRUDGE

ENTERTAINMENT

E-mail: pr_entertainment@inquirer.com.ph

Editor Louie C. Camino
Assistant Editor Emmie G. Velarde

Text us your feedback: inquirer ent name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Ethel Booba: I stand by my man

Comedian convinced Crisano is Filipino

By Marinel R. Cruz

COMEDIAN Ethel Booba yesterday said she is convinced her boyfriend, basketball player Alex Crisano, "is really a Filipino" despite officials saying he had faked his citizenship papers.

Ethel said she is "personally" taking care of all of the processing of Crisano's papers, including the birth certificates of his grandmother, mother and children.

"NO MAN has loved me the way he does," Ethel says of boyfriend Crisano (inset)

The Department of Justice last week concluded that Crisano and five other half-Filipino basketball players, including Asi Taulava, faked their citizenship papers to be able to play in the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA).

The DoJ said it would issue a ruling recommending the deportation of Crisano of Barangay Ginebra, Taulava of Talk 'N' Text, Davonn Harp, Jon Ordonio and Mick Pennisi of Red Bull and Rudy Hatfield of Coca-Cola.

"I have them with me," Ethel said, referring to Crisano's documents. "I'm personally taking care of the processing of his papers. With all of his problems right now, Alex does not have time to deal with these anymore."

Crisano claims that his grandmother was born in Capiz while his grandfather, surnamed Bandejas, was from Ilo-ilo. His mother Ramona Bandejas is a Filipino citizen, Crisano added.

"Alex wants to go to Capiz and Ilo-ilo to talk with his relatives and I will go with him," Ethel told INQUIRER Entertainment in a telephone interview yesterday. "I also want to be able to prove to people that he is a Filipino."

INQUIRER Entertainment tried to call Rufa Mae Quinto, Hatfield's girlfriend, but her road manager, Ryan Gonzalez, said the actress was not yet ready to comment.

Rufa Mae first heard of the news while she was in Japan, according to Gonzalez.

According to Crisano, he and several other "Fil-sham" players were also accused of submitting faked citizenship papers in 200.

'Miscommunication'

"The first time, they said I didn't have enough papers," he recalled. "But anything that they needed I could provide. This time around, they said they I'm in trouble because of an affidavit that my mother signed.

"It's just miscommunication," he added. "They are questioning a statement my mom made about my grandparents. They just didn't understand what was written in the affidavit. That's kind of puzzling, because that affidavit was actually made and signed in front of a Filipino consul in the States."

Ethel said she would help Crisano in any way she could. "I'm standing by him," she said in Filipino. "No man has ever loved me the way he does. *Ngayon ko lang na*-feel *ang* care."

Ethel and Crisano met when the basketball player appeared on the reality-TV show "Extra Challenge," where Ethel is a co-host.

Ethel earlier said she broke up with her model boyfriend before she got into a relationship with Crisano. She said she and Crisano are living together at his condo unit in Quezon City.

"Alex respects me," Ethel said. "He loves me and he understands my work. He's not the type who gets jealous of my busy schedule. We're both busy."

Ethel said Crisano is still recuperating from a motorcycle accident he had last month. He is to begin therapy for his fractured chest tomorrow, she said.

Her boyfriend is also at odds with his ex-wife over the custody of their children, Ethel said.

"Why are these people bothering him?" said Ethel. "He wants to change and I'm supporting him."

"I don't know why they are doing this to me," said Crisano. "Ethel is scared for me, but I told her not to be. I just have to be a man and solve this thing."

MARKET! MARKET!
Bonifacio Global City

DISCOVER THOUSANDS OF FINDS. HAGGLE FOR GREAT BUYS. EXPERIENCE ALL THESE IN A VAST AIR-CONDITIONED, CLEAN, SECURE, AND SAFE SHOPPING ENVIRONMENT.

The *fun* is in the finds

cinemas! cinemas!
CUSTOMER SERVICE HOTLINE : 886-7515

1	Ladder 49
2	Sky Captain & the World of Tomorrow
3	House of Flying Daggers
4	Shark Tale
5	Three
6	Open Water
7	Resident Evil: Apocalypse

Movies are subject to change without prior notice.
Developed and managed by Ayala Land, Inc. Another retail innovation.

WE'RE BACK!!! WE'RE HOT!!!
Menopause
The Musical
Mitch Valdes
Nanette Inventor
Leah Navarro
Sheila Francisco
Book & Lyrics by Jeanie Linders
October 22 & 23, 2004 · MUSIC MUSEUM
8PM · Tickets: P1,000 & P600
SCHERING · AVON · Ricky Reyes · INQUIRER · IMEDEEN · chili's · felina
For ticket inquiries & reservation call: Music Museum 721 6726 / Ticketworld 891 9999.

SMART Buddy Pre-paid downloads zed newlist

JOHN MAYER
as/is

JOHN MAYER Songs	Keyword	Keyword
Your Body Is A Wonderland	TONE URBODY	POLY YOURBODY
Bigger Than My Body	TONE BIGGER	POLY BIGGER
Love Song For No One	TONE SONG4NO1	POLY SONG4NO1
Clarity	TONE CLARITY	POLY CLARITY
New Deep	TONE NEWDEEP	POLY NEWDEEP
Why Georgia	TONE YGEORGIA	POLY YGEORGIA
Split Screen Sadness	TONE SPLITS	POLY SPLITS
Only Heart	TONE ONLYHEART	POLY ONLYHEART
Something's Missing	TONE SMISSING	POLY SMISSING
Come Back To Bed	TONE COMEBACK	POLY COMEBACK
Wheels	TONE WHEELS	POLY WHEELS
New mono tones		
Word Up!	*Korn*	TONE WORDUP
Here In My Room	*Incubus*	TONE INMYROOM
Sige	*6 Cycle Mind*	TONE SIGE
Gangster Tripping	*Fatboy Slim*	TONE GANGSTER
Never Ever	*All Saints*	TONE NEVEREVER
New poly tones		
Word Up!	*Korn*	POLY WORDUP
Are You Gonna Be My Girl	*Jet*	POLY GONNABMYGRL
Sa Toll Gate	*Eraserheads*	POLY TOLLGATE
Daylight	*Coldplay*	POLY DAYLIGHT
Why Can't I	*Liz Phair*	POLY WHYCANTI
Falling Away From Me	*Korn*	POLY FALLINGAWAY
Here To Stay	*Korn*	POLY HERE2STAY
Did My Time	*Korn*	POLY DIDTIME
Make Me Bad	*Korn*	POLY MAKEMEBAD
Y'All Want A Single	*Korn*	POLY YALLWANT
Right Now	*Korn*	POLY RIGHTNOW
Alone I Break	*Korn*	POLY ALONEIBRK
Somebody Someone	*Korn*	POLY SOMEBODY
Trash	*Korn*	POLY TRASH

Just arrived.

All of John Mayer's biggest hits performed live and packaged in a double-disc collection. Includes the previously unreleased track "Inner City Blues (Make Me Wanna Holler)."

Available nationwide at your favorite record stores

Sony Music

LOGO LUVBIRDS1 · LOGO HONEY7 · LOGO MISS1 · LOGO HART3 · LOGO CUTEDOG1 · LOGO DOLFIN1 · LOGO SWEET4 · LOGO FRENDS6 · LOGO ILY13 · LOGO FREND2
LOGO HAPI2 · LOGO PAHUG4 · LOGO WAITING3 · LOGO TABA · LOGO DUDES · LOGO SOSEXY4 · LOGO SEXY2 · LOGO GUN · LOGO SKULLS1 · LOGO BITEME
PIC LOST3 · PIC ONLYU4 · PIC MYHON · PIC SHARTS1 · PIC PARASYO · PIC LUVMISS1 · PIC GIMIK1 · PIC SUNSHINE · PIC SWIT1 · PIC HERE2
PIC SPECIAL1 · PIC APOL · PIC DRIM1 · PIC FALLING1 · PIC BMINE2 · PIC HUG7 · PIC 2HOT2 · PIC TC2 · PIC FISH12 · PIC BADMOOD
MMS ROSE2 · MMS SAVES · MMS SADFISH · MMS SHARK2 · MMS TRIBAL · MMS HUKTIS · MMS CAR3 · MMS KITTY1 · MMS PUPPY · TEDDY1

Send **POWTONE** to **288**.
Current Pick of the week MONO tone is "JESUS WALKS" *by Kanye West*

POW TONE PICK OF THE WEEK

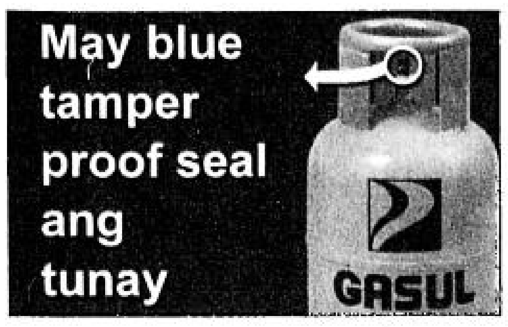
Send SOUNDZ to 288

How to download a logo, ring tone or picture message:
TYPE IN KEYWORD. EX. LOGO LUVBIRDS1, TONE URBODY, OR PIC LOST3
Send to 288.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, text us at 888 (P1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph, or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you.

Also available to Talk 'N Text, Addict and SMART GOLD subscribers. Download now! Note: In order for you to identify which musical work the ring tone in question is based on, we have, an addition to the song title, referred an artist who has made the song well known. The artist in question has not participated in the production of the ring tone.

SMART Simply Amazing!



TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 19, 2004
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
B1
BUSINESS
E-mail: pr_business@inquirer.com.ph
Website: www.inq7money.net
Editor Raul O. Marcelo
Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma
Text us your feedback: inquirer biz name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

DELL™
Latitude D600
Designed for mobility in a thin & light design!
Nominated Best Notebook Category by PC World Philippines!
Call now and buy at a special price

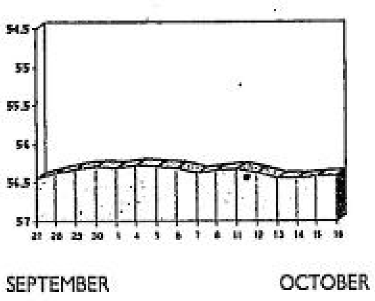
INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.
Tel. 727-3801 Website: www.ics.com.ph

Tax perks coverage cut to 10 industries

INDICATORS

CURRENCIES

PESO-DOLLAR RATE



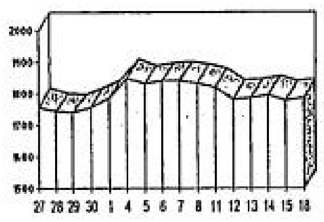
P 56.41 = $1
As of 5 p.m., Oct. 18, 2004

Y 109.64 = $1
As of 5 p.m., Oct. 15, 2004

GOLD: $417.70-418.20
per ounce Hong Kong, Oct. 18, 2004

STOCK MARKET

Stocks end higher



(See stock market report on Page B4)

SHARES yesterday closed higher as investors, inspired by Wall Street's advance Friday, bought into select stocks ahead of the release of third-quarter corporate results starting later this month, traders said.

The 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index ended up 8.57 points, or 0.5 percent, at 1,789.98, after shedding 0.9 percent Friday. Gainers led decliners 33 to 25, while 51 stocks were unchanged.

Globe Telecom rose 0.5 percent to P1,045 after the country's second-largest cellular company announced earlier Monday it had launched an electronic payment service that would allow subscribers to make purchases in various local retail outlets.

Ayala Land rose 1.5 percent to 6.90 pesos on expectations of favorable third-quarter financial results.

"The market got a little boost from gains in New York. That brought out the bargain-hunters," said PCCI Securities president Francisco Liboro.

Friday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.4 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite Index gained 0.5 percent.

Liboro, however, noted that technical factors and concerns over high oil prices capped the market's upside.

"The market is just coming off overbought levels, but we don't see any reversals yet. We're waiting for the market to set a base," said Liboro. "The high oil prices are also a worry, and they will continue to move up for the rest of year as the winter season (in Western countries) sets in." ***AP***

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT'S economic team has identified the 10 industries that will enjoy fiscal incentives available under the rationalized Investment Priorities Plan (IPP), whose narrowing of coverage is intended to address the huge forgone revenue amid the country's fiscal problem.

According to the Arroyo administration's Medium Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), the industries that are proposed to exclusively enjoy the privileges of the IPP are: information technology (IT) and IT-enabled services, automotive, electronics, mining, healthcare, tourism, shipbuilding, fashion garments, jewelry, and agribusiness.

Companies belonging to industries covered by the IPP are granted an income tax holiday of four to six years, and are given duty-free privilege when importing capital equipment.

The 10 industries are a significant reduction from the wide array of sectors and business activities that were covered by the current IPP. The cutting of the list of the IPP, which is part of the economic team's program to rationalize the fiscal incentives available in the country, will be stated under the a bill to be submitted by the Board of Investments (BOI) to Congress.

The economic team—which includes the heads of the BOI, the Department of Finance and the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda)—will push for three bills on the rationalization of fiscal incentives. Aside from the BOI bill, the DOF has already submitted two draft bills, one on the lifting of value-added tax exemption of several products and services, and the other on the cancellation of tax and duty-free incentives granted under various special laws.

According to a government source, the 10 industries have been identified by the BOI, as head agency in the determination of the IPP coverage, through a recommendation by President Macapagal-Arroyo herself. The DOF and the Neda saw no objection to the list, the source said.

The BOI's bill, aside from reducing the number of covered industries, is also expected to seek for the changing of the IPP coverage every three years. Currently, the coverage of the IPP is revised every year. The objective of stretching the effectivity of the IPP is to ensure financial stability of firms enjoying the fiscal perks before the incentives are removed.

If the BOI's bill is approved by Congress before the end of the year, as targeted by the economic team, then the new coverage of the IPP shall take effect starting next year up to 2008.

The government source added that the DOF and the Neda were expected to come up with safeguards on the incentives to be granted by the government under the new IPP. The safeguards will be raised once the economic team drafts the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the fiscal incentives rationalization bill, should it becomes a law.

One of the safeguards the DOF is looking at is to prohibit companies to enjoy the IPP coverage twice. The source explained that there were instances in the past when some IPP-covered companies closed down immediately before their coverage expired, and then registered as a new company to once again enjoy the fiscal incentives under the IPP.

"The government should begin looking at the ownership of companies. That is to make sure they do not abuse the incentives because of

TAX/ B4

Gov't readies ₱550-M rehab of Channel 4

THE NATIONAL Economic and Development Authority's Investment Coordination Committee has approved a proposal to rehabilitate National Broadcasting Network Channel 4, the only television station that the government intends to retain as its own.

The Neda said the rehabilitation project, which would cost P550 million, is intended to improve the quality of the TV station's coverage and to increase its signal coverage.

"The NBN Immediate Rehabilitation Project would enable the network to fulfill its major function of disseminating information on government priorities, programs, achievements and activities to the general public particularly to areas that have no access to other television channels," the Neda said in a statement.

The project intends to refurbish and upgrade the current transmission system of NBN, and acquire modern digital equipment necessary for the development of new programs for the TV station. The project also aims to upgrade the facilities of NBN's provincial stations in Baguio, Cebu and Davao. The Neda said that equipment and facilities of the TV station, while they are still working, were already obsolete.

Neda Director General Romulo Neri said in a telephone conversation that the government has decided to retain NBN Channel 4 as its sole TV station. He said the government was poised to privatize other state-owned TV stations—RPN Channel 9 and IBC 13.

According to Jonathan Uy, Neda director for public investment, 85 percent of the project cost would be shouldered by a loan from the US Export-Import Bank, while the remaining 15 percent would either come from the state-owned Development Bank of the Philippines or other local financial institutions.

Uy said the project would be implemented over a period of six months, and begin immediately. The rehabilitation is expected to be completed by March 2005.

Earlier, the Department of Finance, concerned with the government's privatization efforts, said it was studying the proposal to privatize the TV station, considering that it was only causing financial burden to the already cash-starved government.

Michelle V. Remo

Premier Cars BMW
premiercars.bmw.com.ph
BMW
Sheer Driving Pleasure
For pure driving pleasure in Central and Northern Luzon, there is only one place.
Premier Cars BMW (Pampanga).
Premier Cars

One place stands out for driving passion along the San Fernando-Olongapo Highway. That place is Premier Cars BMW. We offer you a wide range of the latest BMW models along with a choice selection of BMW Certified Pre-Owned cars. Service is provided by our BMW Trained Personnel using state-of-the-art equipment. We also offer original BMW parts, accessories and lifestyle items.

A truly world-class carmaker like BMW deserves a world-class dealership to introduce its automobiles to you. Visit Premier Cars BMW (Pampanga).

Authorized BMW Dealer
Premier Cars BMW (Pampanga) CGIC Building, San Fernando-Olongapo Highway, City of San Fernando, Pampanga • Tel. (045) 963 7777 • Fax (045) 963 3355 • Mobile (0918) 963 7777

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Once more, with fillings

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

IF YOU were busy planning to move to Sabah, the first 100 days of this cute administration of Gloriaetta probably passed you by unnoticed. You didn't miss much.

It seems only yesterday, but it was actually more than 100 days ago, when Gloriaetta wore a recycled "terno" to deliver a most promising inaugural speech once more with feelings. It was her second inaugural speech in four years.

Promising us a better life within the next six years, the second speech was the most riveting speech given by any President who won the elections by overpowering the opposition in only two regions.

After only 110 days, anyway, who would have thought that Gloriaetta would earn the distinction as the most photographed President attending to silly things?

* * *

SOME months ago, a Fil-Am teenage girl nearly won in a US singing contest. Before you knew it, the local dailies were splattered with Gloriaetta's photos with her.

Soon we are likely to hear from the Palace a new slogan of this cute administration, talking about Gloriaetta's bold reforms against graft and corruption: "Gloriaetta—She never hesitates to risk her life for a photo-op with a US-based Filipina who didn't quite make it in a singing contest."

* * *

AMONG the foreign investors here, no wonder, this cute administration only gets a "miserably failed" mark for its first 100 days.

The surveys have shown it.

For what single major reform did we see in the past months? That the President of the Republic announced to the whole world that we were already in a fiscal crisis? That the President of the Republic is now accepting donations, in cash or in kind, to help solve the crisis?

* * *

YET THE spin doctors in Malacañang would rather talk about their deep personal regret—in public, of course—that newspapers always highlighted just the "bad news."

They pointed to a lot of "good news" in the inside pages; for instance, about how this or that foreign company is making good in the Philippines, and aren't you proud to be a Filipino, or something like that.

That's front page material, sure, but only because a lot of those companies decided to invest here way back in the previous administrations. Or because those foreign companies are doing well without much help from the government. Or, DESPITE the government!

And that, precisely, is the point of the bad news on the front page. Where are the freaking reforms? We want to read about them. Not the bitter musings of spin doctors!

* * *

WE ARE up to here with talk about the fiscal crisis. Day in and day out, we hear about how we have to make more sacrifices for the good of the motherland.

By "sacrifice," what they mean is, well, we just have to accept their decisions for us to shoulder some more new taxes, period.

Now, we are told that this Congress cannot possibly pass the 2005 budget. So what are all those bright people doing in Congress—just taking trips abroad?

And so our beloved lawmakers, spending billions upon billions of our tax money, will just have to "reenact" a two-year-old budget.

BREAKTIME/B6

Import of China carrots stopped

By Christine A. Gaylican

AGRICULTURE Secretary Arthur C. Yap has ordered the Bureau of Plant Industry to stop issuing import permits for Chinese carrots until a pest risk analysis (PRA) of the commodities have been conducted.

"An independent study must (first be made to) verify the authenticity of a recent PRA made by the Bureau of Plants," Yap said. "This will provide more credibility to (the previous study)."

The halt in the importation of Chinese carrots is also due to the Agriculture department's crackdown on vegetable smuggling.

The Bureau of Plant Industry, an attached agency of the DA, recently has been rocked with controversy after some of its officials were reported to be abetting vegetable smugglers.

According to Alyansa Agrikultura national coordinator Ernesto Ordoñez, onions and carrots smuggled from China are finding their way to local markets.

The suspected smugglers reportedly negotiate with Agriculture officials to allow the entry of some 500,000 kilos of produce from China.

Benguet provincial board member John Kim, a member of the vegetable anti-smuggling task force, urged the Bureau of Customs to immediately destroy the alleged smuggled onions that had been seized recently.

intimus
PAPER SHREDDERS
KEEP YOUR SECRETS, SECRET!

PAPER MONSTER 6 mm Stripcut ₱3,500
155 4 mm Stripcut ₱8,950
280 4 x 28 mm Crosscut ₱18,950
SIMPLEX SE 1.9 mm & 3.8 mm Stripcut ₱21,950
502 MHS 0.8 x 12 mm Crosscut ₱68,950
OTHER MODELS ALSO AVAILABLE

A VITAL PART OF YOUR SECURITY.

Highly RECOMMENDED by the World Intelligence Organization

www.elitemachinesinc.com

Elite Machines, Inc.
Elite Building, 20 Araneta Ave. Ext., Quezon City
4110009 · 4110169
7328045 · 7328050 · 7328055
7328061 · 7328063 · 7328064

Rm. 301 Pacific Bldg., 460 Quintin Paredes corner Gandara Sts., Binondo, Manila
2476012 • 2474030 /31 /32 /33

Espiritu Building, 33 Gen. Maxilom Ave., Cebu City
(032) 2336711 to16

EURO-ASIA OFFICE MACHINES, INC.
G/F, LRDC Building, 22 Sen. Gil. Puyat Ave., Makati City
Tel. Nos. 8877238 / 56 / 68 / 80 / 95 / 96 & 8880698

GOLDSTAR
Tan Building, Tomas Saco cor. 1st Street, Nazareth, Cagayan De Oro City
Tel: (088) 8576308 8575705
Fax (088) 8575795

Door 2, Lua Bldg., Quirino Ave cor. J.P. Laurel St., Davao City
Tel (082) 2270121-27
Fax (082) 2270121

PSBank
PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK
A METROBANK SUBSIDIARY

PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas cor. Sedeño St., Makati City

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Head Office and Branches)
As of September 21, 2004

ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Items	P	484,813,632.50
Due from Bangko Sentral		876,937,097.48
Due from Other Banks		1,542,778,483.91
Interbank Loans Receivable		750,000,000.00
Trading Account Securities (Net)		18,320,379.87
Investments in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments (Net)		11,449,300,811.42
Loans, Discounts & Advances (Net)		22,289,789,723.53
Equity Investments (Net)		46,910,751.00
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (Net)		1,532,120,051.45
Property Owned/Acquired		2,040,144,110.42
Others		1,170,295,367.42
TOTAL ASSETS	P	42,201,410,409.00
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits	P	1,526,127,120.74
Savings Deposits		21,664,724,832.43
Time Deposits		13,543,223,981.48
Due to Bangko Sentral		9,000,000.00
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		182,898,090.44
Unearned Income & Other Deferred Credits		40,600,072.21
Other Liabilities		652,881,821.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES	P	37,619,455,919.23
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital Stock	P	1,795,015,200.00
Surplus		2,447,383,212.46
Surplus Reserves		339,556,077.31
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	4,581,954,489.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P	42,201,410,409.00
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		
Bills for Collection	P	358,765.42
Assets Held Under Trust and Investment Management Agreements		1,036,278,590.49
Invested in:		
Government Securities		956,353,376.94
Other Securities, Debt Instruments and Shares of Stock		52,280,795.26
Other Assets		27,644,418.29
Accountabilities:		
Trust & Other Fiduciary		159,011,400.35
Common Trust Funds		297,710.81
Investment/Fund Management		876,969,479.33
Other Contingent Accounts		70,881,271.47
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	P	1,107,518,627.38

Additional Information:

1. Deposits of		
a) Government	P	-
b) Banks		1,323,059.94
c) Trust Department		9,236,090.83
2. a. Total Non-Performing Loans		1,191,740,392.42
b. Classified Loans & Other Risk Assets		8,933,857,629.48
c. General Loan Loss Reserve		214,696,230.03
d. Specific Loan Loss Reserve		659,912,507.88
e. Total DOSRI Loans/Advances		1,935,808,232.32
f. Past Due DOSRI Loans Advances		-
g. Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Total Loan Portfolio		4.67%
h. Ratio of Total DOSRI Loans/Advances to Total Loan Portfolio		7.58%
i. Ratio of Past Due DOSRI to Total Loan Portfolio		-
j. Return on Equity		10.25%

Board of Directors

Jose T. Pardo
Chairman

Arthur V. Ty
Vice Chairman

Jovencio F. Cinco
Vice Chairman

Margaret T. Cham

Danilo L. Dolor

Pascual M. Garcia, III

Jose Macario Laurel, IV

Alberto A. Pedrosa

Regis V. Puno

Angelito M. Villanueva

Principal Officers

Pascual M. Garcia, III
President

Rolando A. Rodriguez
Executive Vice President

Ismael A. De Leon
Senior Vice President

Jaime V. L. Araneta
Senior Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Makati City) S.S.

We, NOLI S. GOMEZ and PASCUAL M. GARCIA, III of the above-mentioned bank do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above statement of condition are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Sgd) NOLI S. GOMEZ
First Vice President

(Sgd) PASCUAL M. GARCIA, III
President

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 11th of October, 2004, at CITY OF MAKATI, affiant exhibiting to me their Community Tax Certificates No. 24493628 issued at Taytay Rizal on 13 April 2004 and No. 13784336 issued at Quezon City on 9 January 2004.

Doc. No. 185
Book No. 39
Page No. CLX
Series of 2004

(Sgd) ATTY. JOSE HERNANDEZ DY
NOTARY PUBLIC
UNTIL DEC. 31, 2004
PTR No. 2636738 Manila 1-07-04
IBP OR No. 629316 Manila 1-07-04
City of Makati

PHOENIX MATERIAL HANDLING
PALLET
CART
RACKING
TROLLEY
H-STAR ENTERPRISES INC.
* RENTAL AVAILABLE
* all items made of steel
Tel # 638-7040 / 43-46 • Fax # 638-7039 • E-mail: gic@pacific.net.ph

Chic Uniform, Inc.
WE DO ALL KINDS OF UNIFORMS FOR
OFFICES • SCHOOLS • FACTORIES • HOSPITALS
SECURITY GUARDS • NURSES • HOUSEKEEPERS
Unit 27-Q Burgundy Corporate Tower 252 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
☎ 8437633 • 8437539 • 8437637 ☎

Bahala na
Que sera sera !
"I Can, I Must, I Will inspite of the Environment."

Management Association of the Philippines and SMART
present
3rd MAP International CEO Conference
Conference Theme:
"Survive and Excel In Turbulent Times"
11 November 2004, Thursday
Rizal Ballroom, Makati Shangri-La

Speaker:
Mr. RICO HIZON
Broadcaster
British Broadcasting Corporation
(Singapore)

This session will present a clean sweep of the business environment. While it will state the "brutal facts" that local economies are grappling with, given an increasingly globalized environment, it will play up areas where growth and new wealth could be created. It will showcase different solutions to common problems. It will also provide big doable strategies and immediately actionable "to do's" for the busy CEOs and executives who are looking to creating and sustaining new possibilities that will spell that all-important top and bottomline in the short-term and viability in the long term. What new business models are emerging? How can businesses leverage on exciting opportunities in high-growth industries and sectors?

Other Sessions:
- SURVIVE AND EXCEL IN TURBULENT TIMES
- OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND: TURBULENCE NOTWITHSTANDING
- CREATING A BUILT-TO-LAST FIRM
- BEING A 21ST CENTURY LEADER
- SESSION ON "WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS: Identify the Critical Few Objectives of the Executive Team"

Other Speakers
Mr. ERRAMON I. ABOITIZ
EVP and COO, Aboitiz Equity Ventures
Mr. JOAQUIN L. ARAMBULO
Business Productivity Advisor, Microsoft Philippines
Dr. FRANKLIN C. ASHBY
Author of "Embracing Excellence" and the soon to be released "Back on Track" (USA)
Mr. HENRY T. CO
President, Ford Motor Company Philippines
Mr. MARTIN P. LORENZO
Chair, Pancake House
Mr. ANUPAM PRAKASH
Asia Pacific Global Sourcing Leader
Hewitt Associates (India)
Mr. TONY TAN CAKTIONG
President and CEO, Jollibee Foods Corporation
Dr. RICHARD S. WELLINS
Senior Vice President for Global Marketing, Development Dimensions Inc. (USA)
Mr. SIMON BERESFORD-WYLIE
SVP, Nokia Asia Pacific (Singapore)

SPONSORS: List in progress...
DIAMOND INQUIRER Microsoft
GOLD BusinessWorld
SILVER AIM AIR FRANCE KLM SM GROUP OF COMPANIES
BRONZE PLUS IBM
BRONZE Development Bank of the Philippines DDI Biz Hewitt RCBC Sun

This Conference is open to the public.

Management Association of the Philippines

For Reservations:
Please contact the MAP Secretariat at
<mapsec@globenet.com.ph>
751-1149 to 52 or
Conference Committee Chair
Franco G. del Rosario at
< sixsigma@itextron.com >

CAP told to refund deposits

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission's non-traditional securities department is studying penalties to be imposed on pre-need giant College Assurance Plan Philippines Inc. for exceeding the amount of education plans it was allowed to sell.

Earlier, the company was allowed to sell only up to P5 billion of education plans. However, the SEC said CAP exceeded this limit by P100 million.

SEC director Emilio Aquino said the NTD had also asked the pre-need firm to refund deposits made by clients even if there were no policies issued to them as CAP claimed.

The SEC's NTD is also giving CAP seven days to make a report on the deposits and 15 days from receipt of the letter last week to refund the deposits.

CAP earlier said that despite an SEC order in August prohibiting the company from selling securities, clients had volunteered to make a deposit for the purchase of education plans in anticipation of a future SEC approval for new securities to be issued. Such deposits, CAP said, were treated as "suspense accounts."

The SEC under former chair Lilia Bautista had ordered CAP to temporarily stop selling securities since middle of August until it had fulfilled the requirements for its application to sell new securities. CAP has already exhausted its allowed limit of P5 billion worth of plans.

It is now in the process of preparing its application to sell new securities worth roughly P1 billion.

CAP was also prevented from selling plans since its dealer's license expired last Sept.30.

As of July, CAP exceeded the P5-billion limit by P64 million. The SEC said another P50 million worth securities were sold in August. CAP, however, argued that it has yet to release its official sales reports for September.

In a pre-need industry report submitted to the SEC last August, CAP said it sold roughly P54.8 million worth of education plans in August alone, covering 636 plans.

SEC Chair Fe Barin said the NTD was authorized to issue such orders to CAP. The Commission en Banc however has yet to decide on its position on the matter.

Basic, Thai firm plan oil venture

BASIC Consolidated Inc. yesterday signed a memorandum of agreement with Bangkok-based S.F. Pass International Co. Ltd. to jointly venture into oil exploration.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), Basic and S.F. Pass will jointly or individually look for areas related to oil exploration and development activities in the country or in other countries where they could invest, acquire participating interest or enter into a joint-venture agreement with another legal entity.

Basic said it would undertake due diligence processes—or examine the financial books—of prospective projects.

After three decades of oil exploration, Basic became an investment holding company in 1997 and diversified into a group of wholly owned companies that included Basic Petroleum and Minerals Inc. (BPMI), Basic Diversified Industrial Holdings Inc. (BDIH), Basic Consolidated Land Inc. and Basic Consolidated International Inc.

Together with other participants, Basic was a party to Service Contract No. 14 for the exploration, development and exploitation of certain areas in offshore Northwest Palawan where oil discoveries were made. In 1998, Basic transferred its interest in SC 14 to BPMI.

The non-oil investments are handled by BDIH. These include petrochemicals, power generation, industrial gases, water distribution and crystals manufacturing. *Elizabeth L. Sanchez*

GUYITO
WILD HUNT

NAME ____________
ADDRESS ____________
____
CONTACT NO. ____________
SIGNATURE ____________
Where did you buy this copy? Please check
☐ News stand/Newsboy ☐ Subscription

Promo Period: Sept. 27- Dec. 14, 2004
Deadline of Entries:
Monthly Draws: October 17 and Nov. 17, 2004
Grand Draw: Dec. 14, 2004
Draw Dates:
Monthly Draw: October 22 and Nov. 22, 2004
Grand Draw: Dec. 21, 2004

See posters and print ads for details.
Per DTI Permit No. 2147, series of 2004

Drop in drop boxes located at Ayala and Robinson's cinema lobbies, and all LBC and Netopia branches. You may also mail entries to: Guyito Wild Hunt, PDI Bldg., corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Chino Roces Ave., Makati City

Asia Canada Resources Link Inc.
Acrelink Room 302 Jafer Place, Eisenhower Street, Greenhills, San Juan Metro Manila

Free Assessment and Orientation

Free orientation every Saturday from 2 to 4 pm.
Please bring your resume.

Asia Canada Resources Link, Inc. (ACRELINK) an Immigration consultancy firm that assists and guides Filipinos in the application, processing and procurement of a Permanent residence or investor visa to Canada, is now accepting walk- ins or phone inquiries.

BE A CANADIAN THRU ACRELINK!
We will instruct you to the steps to increase your point total.
Assist you in the search for employment through the immigration process and after your arrival in Canada.
The most comprehensive and useful services that you will find offered by Mr. Karl Chebil, a Quebec Barrister with ID # 183160-7 who is a member of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC).
* Guaranteed no return of Application Forms by the Canadian Embassy.
Suite 302 Jafer Place # 19 Eisenhower St., Greenhills, Metro Manila
Telephones: 725- 8131 / 725 - 6926 Telefax : 725-6095

PSBank
Prime
TIME DEPOSIT

✓ 9% interest p.a. - GUARANTEED
✓ No withholding tax
✓ Only P50,000 minimum deposit
✓ 5 - year Time Deposit
✓ Monthly crediting of interest

Visit any of our 121 PSBank branches nationwide.

BancNet Member of the PDIC. Maximum Deposit Insurance for each Depositor P250,000.00
Quoted rate is for a limited time only and is subject to change without prior notice.

HANDS ON MANILA FOUNDATION, INC.
and
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
invite you to a day of fun and exciting treats as we celebrate **VOLUNTEERISM.**

V.I.P. DAY2004
VOLUNTEER IN PERSON

WHEN:
OCTOBER 24, 2004
WHERE:
NBC TENT

FEATURED GAMES:
- Velcro wall
- Giant slide

Schedule of Activities
8 AM - Registration
9 AM - Mass
10 AM - Community Games
12 NN - Lunch/Start of Silent Auction
1230 PM - Best Student Volunteers Fashion Show directed by Ariel Lozada
2 PM - Badminton Clinic by Weena Lim
4 PM - Live Auction
6 PM - VIP Closing Number

WIN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY SIMPLY PLEDGING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS:
- 40 G iPod
- Cellphone
- A photo shoot with Raymund Isaac
- A styling session with Jenni Epperson
- A tour of MTV with Sarah Meier
- Trip for two to Boracay
- Karaoke session for 10 with Vina Morales
- Private movie party for 50 at myCinema
- Laptop

Give a BIG HAND to the following for giving VOLUNTEERISM a hand UP! Bench, Eon Inc. (the Corporate Communications Network), kiddieparty.com, Themeworks, Mirant, First Gen, Asian Spirit, Boracay 357, True Value, Digital Exchange, The NBC Tent, Wave 89.1, Jam 88.3 and Joey 92.3.

After debate with Kerry, President Bushwhacked

MR. BEARBULL

Ron Nathan

SEN. MIRIAM Defensor is asking that women be given a day off during menstruation, even for a short period. She was supported by DOLE (who cans pineapple) and at the end of her speech, she was given a standing ovulation. Women could ride to work on their menstrual cycles. Congress should address the needs of genitalmen who have days when they think of nothing but sex, due to an excess of whoremoans.

Disney is trying desperately to start a TV channel in China, which is hardly surprising, as they would have a potential audience of 1.3 billion people. However, the Chinese government is making life difficult for them. They have insisted that Mickey Mouse joins the Communist Party and speaks Mandarin.

We all love our boss at Abacus Securities because he is a nice guy, but this week he let me down. I was supposed to retire in January, on my 75th birthday. I asked whether I could quit at Christmas and get a P1-million silver parachute for early retirement, but he said no, so I will have to continue for another 10 years.

Hopefully, most of you have read the Da Vinci Code, an excellent book. I have written the Leonardo Code, which has certain similarities but a more exciting ending. The hero is named Ronald Langdon and he is a symbolist. That means he plays the cymbals in a foul harmonic orchestra and clashes with lots of musicians.

One day, he visits the Tate Gallery in London and sees a triptych, which is a painting divided, vertically into three parts. The left side shows Moses talking to his staff; the right side depicts Jacob and what Esau. The centerpiece is of the Last Dinner. In the painting, Judas is seen passing a piece of paper to Pontius, who pilots it to the Roman Guard. Under an electron microscope, Judas, an androgynous figure, turns out to be a transvestite named Judy. She betrays Jesus and as this is a suspense story, she hangs herself and says, The suspense is killing me."

On the piece of paper is an accurate prediction of the French Revolution, World Wars I and II, and even the 9/11 attack on America. It is written in Morse code, binary code and even genetic code. Ronald meets a girl called Sophie, who is a drug dealer, but ends up as the heroine. How these predictions could have been made 2,000 years ago is a complete mystery. The ending is Titanic because the painting was done by Leonardo DiCaprio.

* * *

It is difficult to know what to write about this week. The lawmakers are on holiday until Oct. 25 and after a few days, they will recess for Halloween. Company results for the third quarter ended Sept. 30 will not be announced until November, so we are in a vacuum. However, we have had warnings from Moody's, Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's that if no tax-raising bills are passed by the year-end, we will probably be downgraded from stable to negative.

This will be a disaster because it will be impossible to borrow abroad except at exorbitant rates so we will have to borrow in the domestic market. This will push interest rates even higher, increase inflation and put even more pressure on the peso, already at its low. Rep. Joey Salceda wrote a comprehensive report outlining which taxes have to be passed this year, next year and in 2007. Congress will probably approve most of it but Senator Recto has threatened to shelve all these proposals. He must not do this because mistakes cannot be rectofied. The next month is critical.

In America, Kerry appears to be gaining ground and the result should be close. It will not affect the Philippines very much but it will impact on the rest of the world. If Bush is reelected, he will no doubt attack North Korea and Iran because they do possess weapons of mass destruction.

The US economy is not doing as well as was expected. GDP in the 3rd quarter is down, the number of new jobs created last month was a big disappointment, the trade deficit of $54 billion in September was $3.5 billion higher than in the previous month and the second highest ever recorded. As a result, consumer confidence is waning, the dollar remains weak and the price of oil keeps hitting new highs.

The costs of health care will soon become intolerable as more and more baby boomers reach retirement age and draw pensions. Greenspan wants to increase contributions now and reduce pensions, still in the future. It is impossible to see how this can be avoided but no president wants to introduce this, as it will be highly unpopular with the electorate. For financial reasons, the US needs to extricate itself from Iraq as soon as it is possible to do so.

In Europe, the German economy, which is the largest, is struggling and the unemployment rate is 10.6 percent. It is thought that China had reduced its 3rd quarter GDP from 9.6 percent to 8.9 percent and was hoping to reduce it further to 8 percent by the end of the year. Lending restrictions

MR BEARBULL/ B6

SECURITY BANK
Security Bank Centre
6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
(632) 867-6788

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Head Office and Branches)
As of September 21, 2004

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Items		P 966,553,653
Due from Bangko Sentral		2,086,034,551
Due from Other Banks		951,573,522
Interbank Loans Receivable		955,859,056
Trading Account Securities (Net)		5,826,324,578
Investment in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments (Net)		19,473,355,428
Loans, Discounts and Advances (Net)		35,474,699,223
Equity Investments (Net)		2,257,477,471
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (Net)		1,415,792,006
Other Assets (Net):		
Property Owned/Acquired		2,848,189,817
Others		3,362,314,144
TOTAL ASSETS		P 75,618,173,449

LIABILITIES

Demand Deposits		P 12,313,458,039
Savings Deposits		18,344,959,122
Time Deposits		17,202,297,015
Special/Other Deposits		134,115,279
Due to Bangko Sentral		20,682,689
Due to Banks		2,090,313
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		217,337,801
Bills Payable:		
BSP-Rediscounts/Special Programs		493,742,874
Interbank Borrowings		9,528,023,178
Unearned Income and Other Deferred Credits		285,898,936
Other Liabilities		3,336,209,821
Unsecured Subordinated Debt (Incl. of Unamortized Premium/Discount)		2,998,784,956
TOTAL LIABILITIES		P 64,877,600,023

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock		P 4,981,626,239
Surplus		5,615,147,187
Surplus Reserves		143,800,000
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		10,740,573,426
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		P 75,618,173,449

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS

Unused Commercial Letters of Credit		P 2,726,480,950
Bills for Collection		1,245,784,117
Spot/Future Exchange Bought		17,008,923,646
Spot/Future Exchange Sold		13,741,088,628
Assets Held Under Trust and Investment Management Agreements		7,740,001,664
Invested in:		
Government Securities	P 2,967,184,365	
Other Securities, Debt Instruments and Shares of Stock	287,519,981	
Loans and Discounts	3,382,599,510	
Other Assets	1,102,697,808	
Accountabilities:		
Trust and Other Fiduciary	1,517,447,175	
Common Trust Funds	2,488,102,602	
Investment/Fund Management	3,734,451,887	
Other Contingent Accounts		664,722,717
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		P 43,129,001,722

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Deposits of:	
a) Government	527,174,226
b) Banks	286,306,167
c) Trust Department	900,485,013

2. Compliance with Magna Carta Law:

	Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises
Prescribed Ratio of Compliance:	6%	2%
Actual Compliance:	7.72%	13.14%

3. Amount of non-performing loans	3,789,702,198
4. Ratio of non-performing loans to total loan portfolio	9.89%
5. Amount of classified loans and other risk assets	14,461,972,000
6. General provision for loan losses	369,057,250
7. Specific provision for loan losses	2,471,138,727
8. Return on Equity (ROE)	8.21%
9. Amount of DOSRI loans/advances	3,074,977,587
10. Ratio of DOSRI loans/advances to total loan portfolio	7.83%
11. Amount of past due DOSRI loans/advances	0.00
12. Ratio of past due DOSRI loans/advances to total loan portfolio	0.00

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MAKATI)s.s

We, Alberto S. Villarosa and Joselito E. Mape of the above mentioned Bank do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above statement of condition are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Sgd.) JOSELITO E. MAPE
Vice President

(Sgd.) ALBERTO S. VILLAROSA
President & CEO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 11th day of October, 2004 at City of Makati, affiants exhibiting to me their Residence Certificate No. 15256740, issued at City of Makati on March 1, 2004 and Residence Certificate No. 15264096, issued at City of Makati on March 10, 2004.

(Sgd.) FELIPE I. ILEDAN, JR.
Notary Public
Until Dec. 31, 2004
PTR No. 1911975
01-17-2003; Manila

Doc. No. 14536
Page No. 9
Book No. XXX
Series of 2004

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Bank and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates)
As of September 21, 2004

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Items		P 966,553,653
Due from Bangko Sentral		2,086,034,551
Due from Other Banks		966,517,693
Interbank Loans Receivable		955,859,056
Trading Account Securities (Net)		5,828,797,339
Investment in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments (Net)		19,736,399,879
Loans, Discounts and Advances (Net)		36,031,510,309
Equity Investments (Net)		127,411,965
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (Net)		1,464,960,090
Other Assets (Net):		
Property Owned/Acquired		2,916,506,465
Others		5,282,561,864
TOTAL ASSETS		P 76,363,112,864

LIABILITIES

Demand Deposits		P 12,242,847,291
Savings Deposits		18,309,779,565
Time Deposits		17,202,297,015
Special/Other Deposits		134,115,279
Due to Bangko Sentral		20,682,689
Due to Banks		2,090,313
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		217,337,801
Bills Payable:		
BSP-Rediscounts/Special Programs		493,742,874
Interbank Borrowings		9,528,023,178
Unearned Income and Other Deferred Credits		285,898,936
Other Liabilities		4,181,324,292
Unsecured Subordinated Debt (Incl. of Unamortized Premium/Discount)		2,998,784,956
TOTAL LIABILITIES		P 65,616,924,189

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock		P 4,981,626,239
Surplus		5,620,762,436
Surplus Reserves		143,800,000
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		10,746,188,675
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		P 76,363,112,864

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS

Unused Commercial Letters of Credit		P 2,728,480,950
Bills for Collection		1,245,784,117
Spot/Future Exchange Bought		17,008,923,646
Spot/Future Exchange Sold		13,741,088,628
Assets Held Under Trust and Investment Management Agreements		7,740,001,664
Invested in:		
Government Securities	P 2,967,184,365	
Other Securities, Debt Instruments and Shares of Stock	287,519,981	
Loans and Discounts	3,382,599,510	
Other Assets	1,102,697,808	
Accountabilities:		
Trust and Other Fiduciary	1,517,447,175	
Common Trust Funds	2,488,102,602	
Investment/Fund Management	3,734,451,887	
Other Contingent Accounts		664,722,717
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		P 43,129,001,722

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Deposits of:	
a) Government	527,174,226
b) Banks	286,306,167
c) Trust Department	900,485,013

2. List of Bank's Subsidiaries:
a) Security Finance, Inc.
b) SB Cards Corporation
c) SB Forex, Incorporated
d) SB Capital Investment Corporation
e) Security Land Corporation

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MAKATI)s.s.

We, Alberto S. Villarosa and Joselito E. Mape of the above mentioned Bank do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above statement of condition are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Sgd.) JOSELITO E. MAPE
Vice President

(Sgd.) ALBERTO S. VILLAROSA
President & CEO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 11th day of October, 2004 at City of Makati, affiants exhibiting to me their Residence Certificate No. 15256740, issued at City of Makati on March 1, 2004 and Residence Certificate No. 15264096, issued at City of Makati on March 10, 2004.

(Sgd.) FELIPE I. ILEDAN, JR.
Notary Public
Until Dec. 31, 2004
PTR No. 1911975
01-17-2003; Manila

Doc. No. 14537
Page No. 9
Book No. XXX
Series of 2004

Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits Insured up to P250,000.00.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of October 18, 2004)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	50,900
Bank of the Phil. Islands	47	47.5	46.5	47	758,300
China Banking Corp.	530	530	530	530	410
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	42.5	42.5	42.5	42.5	3,600
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	630,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	28	28.5	27.5	28	139,700
Philippine National Bank	22.75	22.75	22.75	22.75	2,600
Security Bank Corp.	20.75	20.75	20.75	20.75	6,500
Union Bank of the Phil.	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.5	2,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	450,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	2440	2440	2440	2440	630
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	500,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1655	1665	1655	1665	310
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	20.25	20.5	20.25	20.5	21,500
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	1.36	1.46	1.36	1.38	16,611,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	1040	1055	1040	1045	14,620
Ipeople Inc.	1.7	1.7	1.68	1.7	262,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	3,000,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.036	0.037	0.036	0.037	4,000,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	50,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	2.5	2.55	2.48	2.55	2,420,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co	0.43	0.44	0.43	0.43	120,000
Transpacific Broadcast	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	70,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1435	1435	1425	1425	170,590
Ivantage Corp.	0.72	0.74	0.72	0.74	4,210,000
Philweb Corp.	0.013	0.013	0.012	0.013	185,500,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	27,300
Manila Electric Co. B	24	24.5	24	24.5	462,000
Petron Corp.	2.8	2.85	2.8	2.8	714,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	200,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	33,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	305,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.37	120,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	102,000
Union Cement Corp.	2.48	2.48	2.46	2.46	500,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3	3	3	3	26,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	28	28.5	28	28.5	523,600
RFM Corp.	0.71	0.75	0.71	0.75	130,000
San Miguel Corp. A	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	65,000
San Miguel Corp. B	73	73	72	72.5	65,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	440,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Atok-Big Wedge Co. Inc.	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	3,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.004	0.004	0.0038	0.004	85,000,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	0.0042	16,000,000
Ayala Corp.	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	2,891,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	3.5	3.55	3.5	3.5	3,210,000
A. Soriano Corp.	1.36	1.36	1.36	1.36	392,000
APC Group Inc.	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	200,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	5,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.76	1.78	1.76	1.78	20,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.75	1,700
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.54	0.56	0.54	0.56	4,550,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.15	0.155	0.145	0.145	2,970,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	2.42	2.7	2.42	2.7	19,121,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	26.5	27	26.5	27	285,700
Global Equities Inc.	0.0675	0.0675	0.065	0.0675	6,400,000
Ionics Inc.	1.7	1.7	1.66	1.66	220,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.98	2.04	1.98	2	285,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.46	1.48	1.46	1.46	60,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.2	1.24	1.2	1.22	9,146,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	100,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.43	0.47	0.43	0.44	94,490,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	100,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	390,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	40,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Interphil Labs Inc. A	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	25,000
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.72	1.72	1.7	1.7	10,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.95	0.95	0.94	0.94	100,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	600,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.64	230,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	1.06	1.06	1	1	617,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.67	0.67	200,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	70,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	20	20.5	20	20.5	1,087,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Q	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series U	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	2,200
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.9	7	6.9	6.9	15,405,000
Cityland Development Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	81,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.53	0.53	0.52	0.52	1,510,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.39	0.4	0.39	0.4	2,750,000
Cebu Prop. Vent B	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	30,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	620,000
EIB Realty Developers Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	20,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.38	0.39	0.38	0.39	10,470,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.12	1.14	1.12	1.12	1,138,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	150,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.49	0.52	0.49	0.51	1,980,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	51,000
SM Development Corp.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	12,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7	7.1	7	7.1	1,988,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	10,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	50,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	48,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.4	138,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.24	0.245	0.235	0.24	4,010,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.31	0.31	0.3	0.3	1,210,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.018	0.018	0.017	0.017	267,400,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.022	0.022	0.02	0.021	365,300,000
Omico Corp.	0.0055	0.006	0.0055	0.006	431,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.52	0.52	0.5	0.51	3,840,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.57	0.58	0.54	0.57	4,450,000
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.16	400,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	4,100,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.005	0.005	0.0048	0.0048	65,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	50,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	120,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	10,000

DISCLOSURES

INTERPHIL Laboratories Inc. (ILI) purchased 1,000 of its own shares at P1.90 per share, pursuant to its share buyback program.

* * *

RICHARD Barclay relinquished his position as president of **Asian Terminals Inc.** Barclay will, however, remain chair of the company. Jeremy Rickcord will take over as president effective immediately.

* * *

EEI Corp. elected Juan Santos as director, replacing Jose Mari Castillo, who resigned. Santos has 10 common shares to his name.

* * *

PHILIPPINE Telegraph and Telephone Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. The venue will be announced later.

Compiled by D.J. Yap, PDI Research

CURRENCIES

October 18, 2004 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.801474713	1.000000	56.4120
Japan	Yen	0.007337	0.009154	0.5164
United Kingdom	Pound	1.44578	1.803900	101.7616
Hongkong	Dollar	0.102926	0.128421	7.2445
Switzerland	Franc	0.65002	0.811030	45.7518
Canada	Dollar	0.640258	0.798850	45.0647
Singapore	Dollar	0.477523	0.595806	33.6106
Australia	Dollar	0.58613	0.731315	41.2549
Bahrain	Dinar	2.126041	2.652661	149.6419
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.213727	0.266667	15.0432
Brunei	Dollar	0.476105	0.594036	33.5108
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000088	0.000110	0.0062
Thailand	Baht	0.01934	0.024131	1.3613
UAE	Dirham	0.218219	0.272272	15.3594
Euro	Euro	1	1.247700	70.3853
Argentina	Peso	0.26963	0.336417	18.9780
Brazil	REAL	0.280825	0.350385	19.7659
Denmark	Kroner	0.134424	0.167721	9.4615
India	Rupee	0.017492	0.021825	1.2312
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.210943	0.263193	14.8472
Mexico	New Peso	0.069982	0.087317	4.9257
New Zealand	Dollar	0.550199	0.686483	38.7259
Norway	Kroner	0.121811	0.151983	8.5737
Pakistan	Rupee	0.013432	0.016759	0.9454
South Africa	Rand	0.124261	0.155041	8.7462
Korea	Won	0.0007	0.000873	0.0492
Sweden	Kroner	0.109863	0.137076	7.7327
Syria	Pound	0.015553	0.019406	1.0947
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.02374	0.029621	1.6710

Tax perks . . .

From page B1

the perceived loopholes in the IPP," said the government source.

Another safeguard the DOF is expected to input in the IRR of the fiscal incentives rationalization bill is the capping of the incentives based on earnings of a firm. The source said companies that were already generating a specific amount of income should have their fiscal incentives removed because the purpose of granting the perks was simply to help infant industries/companies to become stable.

DISCOVER
Keppel Bank
Where Banking Is Rewarding
Tel 727 3722 www.keppelbank.com.ph
MEMBER PDIC: DEPOSIT INSURED UP TO P250,000.00

IFC

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

World Bank Group

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector investing arm of the World Bank Group, welcomes civil society input on the update of its Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and the review of its Policy on Disclosure of Information.

Coinciding with the Asia regional consultation workshop in Manila from October 27- 29, 2004, there will be an open forum discussion sponsored by IFC on October 29 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Westin Philippine Plaza in Manila, to seek feedback on the proposed policy documents. The forum will be open to any interested parties.

Additional details about both IFC's policies and the ongoing consultation process, including regional consultations, can be found at the IFC website at www.ifc.org/policyreview. To register for the forum please RSVP by noon , Monday, October 25, 2004 to kjacinto@ifc.org. Due to space restrictions registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

JOIN!

THE 2004 SHDA-HUDCC NATIONAL DEVELOPERS CONVENTION

October 26-27, 2004 * Shangri-la Hotel, Makati City

MAS MARAMING PABAHAY...
MAS MARAMING HANAPBUHAY
KATIYAKAN SA PABAHAY...
YAMAN NG BUHAY!

INVITED SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR:
HER EXCELLENCY GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

AN INVITATION TO ALL Developers, Contractors, Realtors and Brokers, Bankers, Housing Finance Institutions, Government Housing Agencies, Planners, Architects, Engineers and other Allied Industries

TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION OF:
* Trends and Macro Perspectives on Urban Development
* Sustainable Financing for the Housing Sector
* Marketing Strategies for OFWs
* Price Stabilization of Construction Materials
* Billion Dollar Opportunities from the Philippine Retirement Program
* Fast Tracking Permits and Licenses
* Report on Housing Deliveries
* Dialogue with Key Shelter Agencies

ALSO JOIN!

THE SHDA-HUDCC HOUSING FAIR

October 28-31, 2004 * Megatrade Hall 3, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

See the most creative designs in housing of major developers including innovations and latest technologies in house constructions.

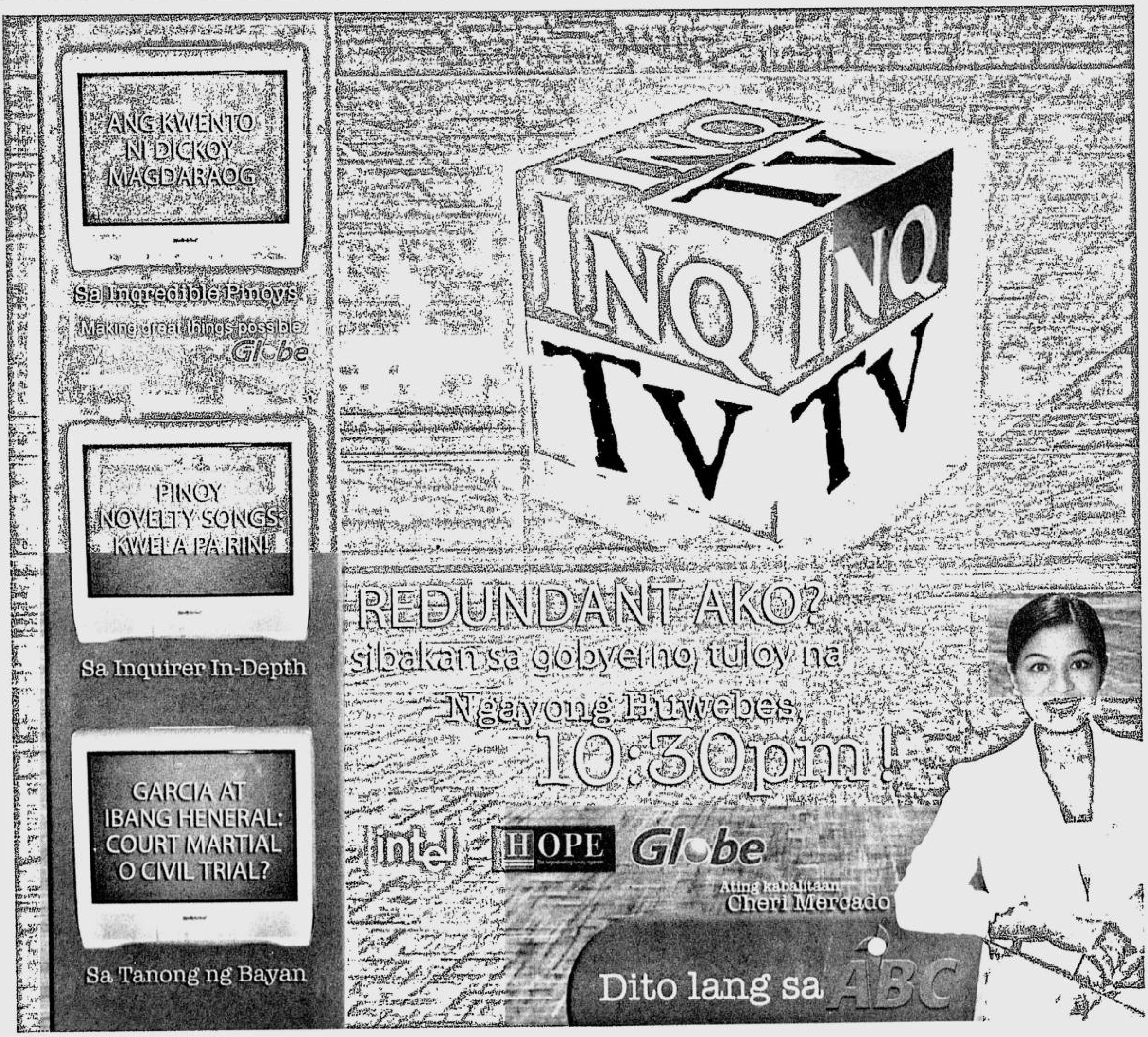
Ideal Showcase Of:
* Key practitioners in the housing industry, banks, other financial institutions and government agencies participating in the National Shelter Program
* 2 x 3 meters display area (booths) are available at reasonable rates

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ON HOUSE & LOT PACKAGES

For particulars please call:
SHDA Secretariat at Tel Nos. 899-8275 / 890-0323 / 890-7031 to 32
or (0917) 899-4589 * e-mail us at shda@mozcom.com

Organized by:
The Subdivision and Housing Developers Association, Inc.
In Cooperation with the
Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council

PRESENT THIS AD AT THE HOUSING FAIR AND GET P5,000 CASH DISCOUNT UPON SPOT RESERVATION


ANG KWENTO NI DICKOY MAGDARAOG
Sa Incredible Pinoys
Making great things possible
Globe
PINOY NOVELTY SONGS: KWELA PA RIN!
Sa Inquirer In-Depth
GARCIA AT IBANG HENERAL: COURT MARTIAL O CIVIL TRIAL?
Sa Tanong ng Bayan
INQ TV
REDUNDANT AKO?
sibakan sa gobyerno, tuloy na
Ngayong Huwebes,
10:30pm!
intel
HOPE
Globe
Ating kabalitaan
Cheri Mercado
Dito lang sa ABC

Jollibee Q3 sales up 6%

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

FASTFOOD giant Jollibee Foods Corp. said its net earnings in the third quarter grew 6 percent to P317 million, boosted by growth in local and international sales.

The growth, it said, was tempered by the rising costs of raw materials.

In a statement, Jollibee said sales rose 24.5 percent from July to September to P8.6 billion.

JFC chief finance officer Ysmael Baysa told the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) that sales of all business units in the Philippines posted double-digit growths. Also, its Yonghe King business in China grew by 35.9 percent.

Profit margins in the domestic business, however, contracted as the increases in the costs of raw materials and utilities outpaced the adjustments of its products' prices.

"The cost of packaging materials, utilities and certain raw materials rose rapidly in August and September, driven mainly by the increases in the prices of petroleum. We made slight price adjustments on our products and continued pursuing cost improvement on our operations, but they were not sufficient to immediately offset the impact of the cost increases," Baysa said.

He said that the key financial results were being disclosed in advance, for the benefit of the investing public particularly in view of the significant impact of inflation on its corporate earnings.

In the third quarter, system wide sales of Jollibee, Chowking, Greenwich and Delifrance in the Philippines posted double-digit growths ranging from 14 percent to 26 percent.

Sales generally grew faster in the Visayas and Mindanao most likely on account of strong output and prices of farm produce, Jollibee said.

System wide sales measure all sales to consumers by both company owned and franchised stores.

TIGHTENING UNNECESSARY

BSP likely to keep rates steady

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas may keep its interest rates steady for the rest of the year despite pressures from the skyrocketing oil prices and the series of monetary tightening by the US Federal Reserve.

Emerging from a lunch meeting with Monetary Board members, BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura yesterday told reporters that based on the current environment, an increase in interest rates was still unnecessary and that it might be possible to ward off any monetary policy tightening for the remainder of the year.

"We don't have to follow the US Fed," Buenaventura said. "If it were up to me, I'd like to keep it [interest rate] unchanged until June [next year]."

BUENAVENTURA

Buenaventura's six-year term as BSP governor ends in July next year.

The BSP's overnight borrowing and lending rates stood at 6.75 percent and 9 percent, respectively. The rates remained unchanged since July last year.

The BSP chief said domestic interest rates were already adjusting to global interest rates such that any tightening in its key policy rates would just distort the yield curve.

He said the BSP would resort to tightening if there was evidence of a second round of pressures from the rising oil prices. At present, he said there was none.

"Money growth is still slow," he noted.

Even in the United States, Buenaventura added that the impact of the rising gasoline prices had been "manageable."

The BSP has reported moderate but steady growth in domestic liquidity in the past few months, which has been accompanied by improvements in domestic demand.

But Buenaventura admitted that the situation could drastically change later.

The Monetary Board is expected to keep the rates at current levels during its monthly policy rate setting this Thursday, Buenaventura said.

The BSP has conceded that the rising oil prices could push the country's inflation rate beyond the 4 to 5 percent target range for this year and next year. However, it favors non-monetary government intervention policies to curb supply-side pressures, such as energy conservation as well as timely importation and distribution of vital consumer goods.

Monetary policy action was not seen as appropriate in addressing supply-side constraints, as this would do the economy more harm than good.

Under its inflation-targeting approach to monetary management, the BSP may be excused from overshooting its targets if the causes were beyond the influence of monetary policy.

CHINABANK

CHINA BANKING CORPORATION
8745 Paseo de Roxas corner Villar St., Makati City

A full-service, universal bank serving you thru 141 branches and 175 ATMs nationwide

Celebrating 84 years of service since 1920

STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Head Office and Branches)
As of SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Items		₱ 1,414,596,683
Due from Bangko Sentral		2,281,881,779
Due from Other Banks		627,201,954
Interbank Loans Receivable		8,116,708,187
Trading Accounts Securities (Net)		12,169,931,486
Investments in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments (Net)		33,389,281,415
Loans, Discounts & Advances (Net)		41,993,251,521
Equity Investments (Net)		196,085,753
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (Net)		3,099,305,244
Other Assets (Net):		
Property Owned/Acquired		4,849,850,767
Others		3,842,756,190
TOTAL ASSETS		₱ 111,960,830,979
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits		₱ 11,787,311,763
Savings Deposits		28,203,567,608
Time Deposits		39,814,054,257
Special/Other Deposits		85,047,457
Due to Bangko Sentral		25,028,653
Due to Banks		3,394,785
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		143,990,539
Bills Payable		6,020,221,022
Unearned Income and Other Deferred Credits		2,951,321,594
Other Liabilities		3,269,726,769
TOTAL LIABILITIES		₱ 92,304,566,447
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital Stock		₱ 4,325,755,926
Surplus		13,119,816,865
Surplus Reserves		327,886,437
Other Capital Accounts		1,882,803,304
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		₱ 19,656,264,532
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		₱ 111,960,830,979
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		
Unused Commercial Letters of Credit		₱ 2,073,640,165
Bills for Collection		253,103,041
Spot/Future Exchange Sold		8,096,367,719
Spot/Future Exchange Bought		25,302,852
Assets Held Under Trust and Investment Management Agreements		38,666,886,512
Invested In:		
Government Securities	₱24,077,362,493	
Other Securities, Debt Instruments and Shares of Stock	1,515,857,433	
Loans and Discounts	2,479,069,457	
Other Assets	8,594,597,129	
Accountabilities:		
Trust and Other Fiduciary	25,797,758,805	
Common Trust Funds	7,086,347,585	
Investment/Fund Management	3,782,780,122	
Other contingent accounts		3,325,857,285
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		₱ 50,441,157,574

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Deposits of:		
A) Government		₱ 44,071,062
B) Banks		213,284,836
C) Trust Department		37,827,983
2 Compliance with Magna Carta Law:		
Prescribed Ratio of Compliance	*6% For Small Ent.*	*2% For Medium Ent.*
Actual Compliance	11.58%	13.41%
3. Amount of non-performing loans		9,415,047,787
4 Ratio of non-performing loans to total loan portfolio		13.30%
5. Amount of classified loans and other risk assets		13,055,877,247
6. General provision for loan losses		2,499,942,866
7. Specific provision for loan losses		4,558,277,703
8. Return on Equity		14.69%
9. DOSRI loans/advances		2,912,253,773
10. Ratio to total loan portfolio		4.81%
11. Past due DOSRI loans/advances		107,142,537
12. Ratio to total loan portfolio		0.18%

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES } S. S.
CITY OF MAKATI

We, PETER S. DEE and RICARDO R. CHUA, of the above mentioned Bank, do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above statement of condition are true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Sgd.) PETER S. DEE
President

(Sgd.) RICARDO R. CHUA
Executive Vice President &
Chief Operating Officer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this Oct. 12, 2004, affiants exhibiting to me their Residence Certificate No. 12383128 issued at Makati on January 30, 2004 and Residence Certificate No. 15282828 issued at Makati on April 01, 2004, respectively.

Doc No. 443
Page No. 88
Book No. 1
Series of 2004

(Sgd.) HECTOR B. HOLGADO
Notary Public for Makati City
Appt. No. M-202 until December 31, 2005
PTR # 7014249, 1-6-04, Makati City
IBP # 601397, 1-6-04, Makati City
Roll of Atty. No. 38529

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Bank and Financial Subsidiaries & Affiliates)
As of SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Items		₱ 1,421,827,083
Due from Bangko Sentral		2,281,881,779
Due from Other Banks		627,201,954
Interbank Loans Receivable		8,116,708,187
Trading Accounts Securities (Net)		12,169,931,486
Investments in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments (Net)		33,473,356,826
Loans, Discounts & Advances (Net)		41,993,251,521
Equity Investments (Net)		145,698,531
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (Net)		3,100,551,979
Other Assets (Net):		
Property Owned/Acquired		4,849,850,767
Others		3,879,005,742
TOTAL ASSETS		₱ 112,059,265,855
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
LIABILITIES		
Demand Deposits		₱ 11,787,311,763
Savings Deposits		28,203,567,608
Time Deposits		39,814,054,257
Special/Other Deposits		85,047,457
Due to Bangko Sentral		25,028,653
Due to Banks		3,394,785
Outstanding Checks/Payment Orders		143,990,539
Bills Payable		6,020,221,022
Unearned Income and Other Deferred Credits		3,005,461,087
Other Liabilities		3,312,911,174
TOTAL LIABILITIES		₱ 92,401,888,345
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital Stock		₱ 4,325,755,926
Surplus		13,120,931,643
Surplus Reserves		327,886,437
Other Capital Accounts		1,882,803,304
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		₱ 19,657,377,310
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		₱ 112,059,265,855
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		
Unused Commercial Letters of Credit		₱ 2,073,640,165
Bills for Collection		253,103,041
Spot/Future Exchange Sold		8,096,367,719
Spot/Future Exchange Bought		25,302,852
Assets Held Under Trust and Investment Management Agreements		38,666,886,512
Invested In:		
Government Securities	₱24,077,362,493	
Other Securities, Debt Instruments and Shares of Stock	1,515,857,433	
Loans and Discounts	2,479,069,457	
Other Assets	8,594,597,129	
Accountabilities:		
Trust and Other Fiduciary	25,797,758,805	
Common Trust Funds	7,086,347,585	
Investment/Fund Management	3,782,780,122	
Other contingent accounts		3,325,857,285
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS		₱ 50,441,157,574

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Deposits of:	
A) Government	₱ 44,071,062
B) Banks	213,284,836
C) Trust Department	37,827,983

2. List of Bank's Financial Subsidiaries & Affiliates
A) CBC FOREX CORPORATION
B) CBC INSURANCE BROKERS, INC.
C) CBC PROPERTIES AND COMPUTER CENTER, INC.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES } S. S.
CITY OF MAKATI

We, PETER S. DEE and RICARDO R. CHUA, of the above mentioned Bank, do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above statement of condition are true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Sgd.) PETER S. DEE
President

(Sgd.) RICARDO R. CHUA
Executive Vice President &
Chief Operating Officer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this Oct. 12, 2004, affiants exhibiting to me their Residence Certificate No. 12383128 issued at Makati on January 30, 2004 and Residence Certificate No. 15282828 issued at Makati on April 01, 2004, respectively.

Doc. No. 444
Page No. 88
Book No. 1
Series of 2004

(Sgd.) HECTOR B. HOLGADO
Notary Public for Makati City
Appt. No. M-202 until December 31, 2005
PTR # 7014249, 1-6-04, Makati City
IBP # 601397, 1-6-04, Makati City
Roll of Atty. No. 38529

Your success is our business
www.chinabank.ph
MEMBER: BancNet & PDIC (Maximum insurance deposit for each depositor - ₱250,000.00)

BIR exceeds collection goal

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue (BIR) has surpassed its collection goal for September, beating its monthly collection target for three months in a row now.

The BIR said in a statement that it collected P33.746 billion in September, exceeding its target of P32 billion by more than 1 percent. The amount was also 14.45 percent higher than the P29 billion collected during the same month last year.

The September figure brought the BIR's collections for the first eight months to P343.848 billion which, however, was 1.56 percent short of its P350-billion target for the period. This was higher than the P376.801 billion collection in the same period last year.

"The bureau attributes this accomplishment to the continuing implementation of several initiatives intended to encourage tax compliance," the BIR said.

The BIR said it had been investigating the remittance of withholding taxes by several public and private sector entities. It has been generating substantial revenue from the withholding taxes that were previously unremitted to the agency, it said.

Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno earlier said the revenue agency has also detected tax delinquency of over 60,000 firms since the start of the implementation of the Tax Compliance Verification Drive last year. The drive, which is commonly called "tax mapping," entails the sending of revenue personnel to the field to check on the tax compliance of business establishments nationwide.

Recently, Parayno made an appeal to individual and corporate taxpayers to voluntary rectify their errors in their tax remittances. The BIR is also engaging in talks to several industries to discuss the unpaid tax liabilities of their member-companies.

Breaktime

From page B2

Complete with its misguided priorities, plus a huge deficit and all, the 2003 budget once more serves as filling material for the leadership void in both chambers.

At least we just broke a world record for waste recycling.

* * *

WHAT kind of a message does such a stupid move send to the whole world? Something is wrong with the government's finances, right? In fact, we are already in a fiscal crisis!

Yet our lawmakers are going for an old budget which created deficits by the hundreds of billions of pesos in the past two years, and that's why we had the crisis.

Are they just in love with that particular budget or what?

But who knows, it may only be because of the massive "pork" tucked into the 2003 budget, which was precisely made in the year just before national elections?

* * *

IN BUSINESS, they think that getting those reforms through Congress is all a matter of leadership.

In any system of government, it is the leader who must bug the assembly for whatever the government needs.

The leader does not only bug the assembly, but the leader must also cajole, or threaten if need be, to get things done.

In our case, we only need to solve a crisis, not to mention create some 11 million jobs, lift about 40 million out of poverty, and do something about graft and corruption. If that's not asking too much, I don't know what is.

In business, as the surveys have shown, they probably don't see any of that kind of leadership in the past 110 days. All they got were the results of photo-ops.

* * *

WHY DO you think this cute administration is having a hard time recruiting talents for sensitive positions?

Why when, the President of the Republic is the most powerful person in the land and it is, as they say, hard to say "no" to the President.

But word gets around that the Palace does not even lend a hand to get its appointees through the Commission on Appointments.

One good example is the former education secretary, Edilberto de Jesus, a straight guy who tried to clean up the department.

He never did get the CA confirmation. A story goes that when De Jesus asked the Palace for help, he was told that the confirmation process was his own lookout.

No wonder, nobody wants to become the national treasurer.

The position, by the way, will be vacant soon. It is said the current treasurer is leaving because of frustration over policies. Of course she does not say it in public.

* * *

AND SO this cute administration of Gloriaetta now faces the most embarrassing episode of graft and corruption in the military ever exposed in this country.

Yet what is the Palace doing? Its spin doctors are telling lawmakers to take it easy in investigating the military.

And in the face of this most embarrassing affair, Gloriaetta would rather keep quiet. Not a single word was heard from her about the issue.

For the fear in most minds is, well, that the general could not have acted alone.

And if he did, and he was able to amass such a fortune, we are in big trouble.

If somebody can quietly—on his own, at that—make that kind of money in the military, what kind of checks and controls do we have in this country?

Mr Bearbull

From page B4

have been imposed to slow down the economy, which is growing at an unsustainable rate. In Japan, consumer spending is falling, company profits are down, and full-time workers are being replaced by part-timers. So the Japanese economy is again beginning to sag. Even my banana is saging. The NIKKEI is 11,100 whereas, at its peak, it was almost 40,000.

Last week, I wrote a non-committal report on MPC and ended by asking whether all the local brokers could be wrong. Well, it appears that they were because a few days later, First Pacific announced that it was selling 5 percent of MPC to rehabilitate Nenanco, which was listing to port rather badly, and has since been de-listed. The rest of the money was to provide MPC with working capital.

Credit Lyonnais sold the remaining 305 million shares in the first 53 minutes next morning and pushed the shares down to 0.35. Thereafter, it recovered to 0.52 but subsequently succumbed to weekend profit taking and fell back to 0.43. It has since recovered to 0.46. There have been two more large cross sales by CLSA from local holders to foreign. The seller cannot be First Pacific as they are foreign and they stated categorically that they would not sell any more shares. MPC denied that it was the seller so it must be a group of local institutions lumped under PCD nominees (Filipino).

Speculators read this as bearish, but I think otherwise. Foreign brokers are usually more knowledgeable about our stocks than we are, that is why I always include their activity in great detail in my newsletter. So, if foreign buyers are willing to buy almost 1.2 billion shares at 0.45 and 0.48, it must show confidence in Manny Panginilan's ability to resuscitate the company as he did with Piltel. The 10 percent stake of MPC is to be increased and MPC is going ahead with the toll road and into power generation. First Pacific will be one of the bidders for Transco. Together with Nenanco, MPC has accumulated tax losses of P7 billion. *mrbearbull@hotmail.com*

Peso may strengthen vs dollar in '05, says BSP

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas has come up with a projection that the peso could strengthen to levels below 50 against the US dollar by next year once the government has made significant progress in boosting its sagging fiscal position.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura, who believes the peso was "undervalued" at current levels, yesterday told reporters the local currency would start trading below 50:$1 once "we're well on our way to overcoming the fiscal crisis."

After hugging the record low level of 56.45 to the dollar in recent days, the peso slightly improved yesterday to close at 56.41 from Friday's finish of 56.425.

"The remittances are coming in and corporate demand has been basically satisfied," Buenaventura said. "This quarter it should improve unless it is derailed by a failure of expectations. The market is expecting that Congress would pass some legislative (tax) measures."

Currency traders said the biggest factor hounding the peso at present was the skyrocketing price of crude oil in the global market.

For his part, Buenaventura believes the government's fiscal woes are also to blame for the peso's undervaluation.

"We've built up that expectation that we'll pass something," he said. "But if there's a setback, then there will be a failure of expectations."

By next year, Buenaventura said the local currency should benefit from stronger fiscal reforms through legislative and administrative measures.

The BSP chief said the market would like to see the resolution of the debt-strapped power sector.

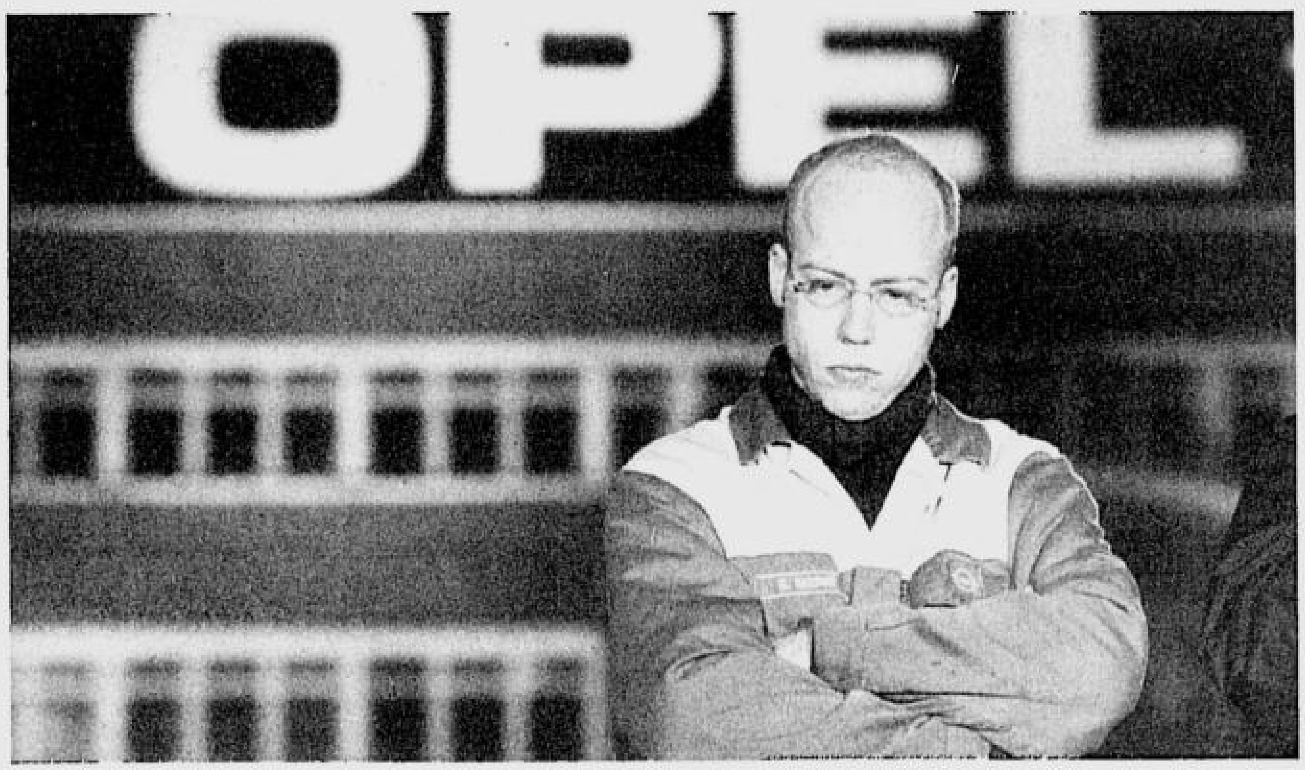
"They have to put Napocor (National Power Corp.) back on the black," he said.

At present, the market is wary of possible credit rating downgrade by Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings.

A team from the European credit rating agency Fitch Ratings, which has given the country 18 months to pass crucial fiscal reforms, is in town to evaluate the country's progress.

US-based Moody's Investor Service is likewise set to visit the country next month. This agency is expected to again downgrade the Philippines' sovereign credit unless fresh revenue-boosting measures are passed by Congress by the time its review team arrives.

Record oil price surge takes its toll on Asian stocks


A WORKER at General Motors' German unit, Adam Opel AG, stands in front of the Opel car factory in Bochum, Germany to protest plans to axe up to 12,000 jobs. As US light crude hit a record $55.33 a barrel, the world's largest car maker on Thursday said it intended to cut a fifth of its 63,000-strong European workforce in the next two years. REUTER

SINGAPORE—Asian share markets on Monday fell after oil hit a record above $55 a barrel.

US light crude marched to a record $55.33 a barrel, a gain of 70 percent this year, on worries over thin stocks of heating fuel ahead of the high-demand northern hemisphere winter.

Japan's Nikkei stock average extended losses into a seventh straight session, ending down 0.2 percent at 10,965.62 as worries over the impact of high energy costs on corporate profits offset bargain hunting in some exporters.

"There is a vague sense of fear over the outlook for stock markets around the globe," said Masaharu Sakudo at Tachibana Securities. "One of several things to worry about is a seemingly unstoppable rally in oil prices."

An MSCI index of Asia Pacific shares outside Japan had slipped 0.3 percent by 0615 GMT, weighed down by a 0.8 percent fall in its technology index.

Taiwan's main index closed at a six-week low, led by a 2.7 percent drop in display screen maker AU Optronics and a 0.7 percent fall in contract chip maker Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

Shares dropped between 0.3 and 0.8 percent in Australia, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

South Korea was the only bright spot among major regional share indexes, rising 0.75 percent as gains in banking stocks helped offset a one-percent drop in chip giant Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.

The dollar was at 109.22 yen at 0620 GMT compared with 109.33 in late trade on Friday in New York, where it fell to a one-and-a-half month low of 108.80.

Global shares saw volatile trade last week amid soaring oil prices and a mixed bag of earnings.

The focus this week will be oil and a flood of US earnings from blue-chip companies including Microsoft Corp., Caterpillar Inc., and Amazon.com Inc.

Investors are also awaiting US consumer price data on Tuesday, Japanese trade figures on Thursday and third-quarter GDP figures from China Friday.

Fed Chief Alan Greenspan, easing fears about the surge in oil prices, last Friday predicted that soaring energy prices would not crimp economic growth as they had done in the 1970s.

House urged to amend Customs Brokers Act

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE EXPORT Development Council and various business chambers yesterday called on Congress to change some of the provisions of the Customs Brokers Act of 2004, which they said pushed up the cost of doing business in the country and made local industries less competitive.

The measure, also known as Republic Act No. 9280, was signed into law last March 30. It prescribes the creation of a Professional Regulatory Board for Customs Brokers, regulates the practice of customs brokerage in the country, and appropriates funds for its implementation.

According to Trade Secretary Cesar V. Purisima, many local exporters, among them members of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Philippines, believe that the law would result in an increase in the cost of trade because of the slower turnaround time for customs clearance.

"The Act reverts customs clearance work back to manual processing, which is costly and delays cycle time and brings back inefficiency to the industry," Purisima quoted the JCCI as saying. "(Various) industries and sectors are objecting to (Section 27) that requires the hiring of the services of a professional customs broker in transacting export papers with the Bureau of Customs."

The provision automatically strips exporters and small and medium enterprises the right to transact and process their own papers with the BoC and sign their own export documents, he added.

"Customs brokers are agents by nature," Purisima said. "The exporters are principals and should not be disallowed to prepare and personally process their own export documents because these things are not complicated."

"PHILIPPINE ADVERTISING RELOADED: CREATE, CONNECT, CONVERT – The 2004 ASAP CONFERENCE"
October 19 & 20, 2004
Grand Ballroom, Hotel Intercontinental Manila

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – October 19, 2004 (Tuesday)

AM
Registration
Opening of Exhibits
Invocation
National Anthem
Keynote Address
Secretary Cerge M. Remonde
Opening – "Philippine Advertising Reloaded: Create, Connect, Convert -- The 2004 ASAP Conference"
Welcome Remarks
Mr. Khalil O. Khodr, Jr.

Forum Proper
Global Advertising Trends and Directions
Ms. Celine Madamba
The Making of a TV Commercial Project
Mr. Mark Meily
Breakthrough in Commercial Photography Project
Mr. Mark Floro
Mr. Raymund Isaac

PM
Mobile and Wireless Advertising
Ms. Maricel Pangilinan-Arenas
Below the Line Advertising: Challenges and Corporate Strategies
Mr. Alvin M. Carranza
Ms. Venus R. Navalta
Mr. Alvin So

DAY 2 – October 20, 2004 (Wednesday)

AM
Intellectual Property Rights (panel discussion)
Mr. Dodie C. Lucas – Moderator
Atty. Teddy Kalaw, IV
Mr. John J. Lesaca
Mr. Rolando B. Saquilabon
The Making of My Favourite Ad Jingle
Mr. Vic Icasas
Mr. Brian Cua

PM
Amazing World of Animation and Special Effects
Mr. Tim Bennett
Franklin M. Velarde, M.D.
Mr. Peter Lopez
Ms. Marlyn Montano
Alternative Channel: Electronic Media and Web Advertising
Mr. Mon Lizardo
Digital ad delivery for newspapers and magazines
Mr. Dennis Valdes

Session Chairman / Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Egay Navalta　Ms. Lindy Magnaye　Mr. Mitch Amurao

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

People, Events & Products

Boosting your baby's development

A CHILD'S development is determined by three factors: Genes, environmental stimulation, and nutrition. "Of the three, nutrition plays a very important role," says Dr. Miguel Noche, Jr. pediatrician and consultant of Abbott Laboratories. "Because it can further boost a child's growth, especially where brain development is concerned."

Dr. Noche's statement has been proven in several clinical studies done abroad. Research has revealed that babies with poor genes but have been given the proper nutrition and environmental stimulation can grow up with the same intelligence quotient as babies who inherited good genes from their parents.

"Proper nutrition and environmental stimulation should be given during the child's first two years of life - the period which is highly crucial to a baby's brain and visual development," he said.

It is for this scientific finding that Abbott Laboratories recently launched the latest breakthrough in nutrition, the EyeQ Nutrition System. With a premise that "the eye is the portal to the brain," this nutrition system highlights the importance of essential nutrients Taurine, the fatty acids AA and DHA, together with a host of important macro and micro nutrients that are crucial to the development - not only of the baby's brain, but of the eyes as well, particularly the retina.

While this kind of nutrition system is similar to other systems used in milk formulas all over the globe, the EyeQ Nutrition System still has an edge above the others, said Dr. Noche. For one, the amount and ratio of nutrients present in Abbott's milk formulas differ from others. More importantly, "the EyeQ Nutrition System is backed by about seven clinical studies, each of which has proven that the performance of the EyeQ Nutrition System is highly similar to the nutritional performance of breast milk," he stressed.

"We pediatricians actually teach mothers about proper breastfeeding and its benefits. What Abbott aims to achieve is to develop a milk formula with high nutritive value that is close to breast milk - intended for moms who can't breast feed their babies for one reason or another," he said.

The nutrients given importance in Abbott's EyeQ Nutrition System are the fatty acids arachidonic acid (AA) and docosahexaenoic (DHA) for visual and mental development and taurine for mature brain stem auditory-evoked responses. Others include vitamins and minerals like iron, choline, zinc, selenium, iodine, and folic acid among others.

Breastfeeding remains the gold standard in infant nutrition. But in cases when moms cannot breastfeed their babies, Abbott has developed a scientifically proven solution: the EyeQ Nutrition System. "We have backed our nutrition system with adequate research," says Dr. Noche. "If only to aid moms in giving the best nutrition to their babies."

KAZAKHSTAN CONFERENCE ON ELECTION SYSTEM

Benjamin Abalos (left), Chair of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has recently been invited as guest of honor and speaker during the International Scientific and Practical Conference 'Development of Election System' devoted to Russia's Year in Kazakhstan held last Aug. 25 to 26 at the City of Almaty. Shown with him are Zagipa Baliyeva, Chair of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan (second from left), Veshnyakov Alexander Albertovich of the Russian Federation and delegate Edward Fereira, Consul General a.h. of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Philippines, who accompanied Chair Abalos in the international conference.

Republic of the Philippines
PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION
Citystate Centre 709 Shaw Boulevard, Pasig City
Healthline 637-9999 www.philhealth.gov.ph

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

BIDDING FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF REMITTANCE FORMS (MI-5)
FOR THE USE OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT
No. 2004-012 g

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH) wishes to invite duly licensed printers, manufacturers or suppliers for the procurement of MI-5 Remittance Forms for the use of the Individually Paying Members with the following specifications:

MI-5 Remittance Forms for the Individually Paying Members

QUANTITY	57,000 pads (11,400,000 sheets, 50 sets per pad @ 4 copies per set)
SIZE	Width 7 inches x Length 5 inches
MATERIAL	Imported Carbon-less Paper/Colored on Top side only Impression must be clear up to the last ply White Carbon-less paper Yellow Carbon-less paper Green Carbon-less paper Pink Carbon-less paper Wrapping Paper Cover Clip Board
PROCESS	Offset printing / Red Gum Padded Back to back printing on all copies
Serial Numbers	9 Digits – All Numeric (Crash Numbering) 57,000 pads (105386001-108236000)
Packaging	50 pads per corrugated box Serial Numbers must be posted on two (2) opposite sides of the box.

The approved budget for the contract for the MI-5 forms is Php4,000,000.00 coming from C.O.B. 2004.

Bid documents can be obtained from October 19-28, 2004, 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. at the Office of the Secretariat – Bids and Awards Committees in the Central Office, (Room 1804) 18th floor, PHILHEALTH, Citystate Centre Bldg., # 709 Shaw Blvd., Oranbo, Pasig City upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php3,000.00.

A pre-bid conference will be held on October 29, 2004 at 1:30p.m. at the Office of the Secretariat – Bids and Awards Committees in the Central Office.

Submission of bids will be on November 12, 2004 on or before 12:00 noon (during office hours) at the office of the BAC Secretariat (Room 1804). Opening of Bids will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the same date and venue. The official time clock shall be the wall clock located at Room 1804 (Office of the BAC Secretariat). Any bid submitted after the cut-off time will not be accepted.

(Sgd.) OCTAVINO Q. ESGUERRA
Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary
BAC Chairman for Goods and Services

(PDI–Oct. 19 & 26, 2004)

ADBOARD ATTENDS 39TH INTERNATIONAL ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION WORLD CONGRESS

AdBoard recently attended the 39th International Advertising Association World Congress held on Sept. 7 to 10 in Beijing, China. Shown in photo are (from left) Jose Howard of Airtime Marketing Phils; Tessie Celestino-Howard, IBA president; Florian Bacani of Celestial Media Services; Rose Bacani of Celestial Media Services; Elvira Arceo of R.S.A. Marketing;,Oscar T. Valenzuela, AdBoard executive director; Alvin Manacsa, AdBoard vice chair; Raul Alvarez, AdBoard treasurer; Rey Hulog, KBP executive director; Rey Anthony David of Great Wall Advertising and Jose Sy, CAAP president.

BARTENDING CHALLENGE
GRAND FINALS
SEPTEMBER

LAST CALL! BARTENDING CHALLENGE, KOLEHIYALA FLAIR SHOWDOWN

Congratulations to the winners of the recently concluded Last Call! Bartending Challenge and Kolehiyala Flair Showdown last Sept. 25, at Alimall, Araneta Center. Shown (from left): Richie Cruz (EP), Kolehiyala 3rd placer Venellyn Andaya (University of Sto. Tomas), 2nd placer Gloria Ballesteros (College of St. Benilde), 1st placer Mabeth Apring (Mariners Polytechnic College), Last Call! 2nd placer Christian Ducusin (NCBA-Fairview), 3rd placer Janzell Palbacal (Lyceum Batangas) and 1st placer Mel Padua (Fatima College). This UPJPIA and Pinoytender production was presented by Nescafe Ice, Nestea Lite, and Nestle Lemonade. Log on to http://www.geocities.com/blue_blazer_2004 for more info.

Bits Clips

'Looking Back'

DIONESIO Gonzales presents "Looking Back", a retrospective of his works from 1995 to 1998 on view from Oct. 5 to Nov. 5 at Food and Art Gallerie. The exhibit will be showcasing never before exhibited works from the beginning of his career. This only at Food & Art Gallery, 12/F GT Tower Int'l, Ayala Ave cor. HV dela Costa St., Makati City. Gallery hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays to Fridays and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. For inquiries, call 752-5678.

'LG at the City' promo

INDULGE the movie fan in you with LG Electronics and Video City's "LG at the City" promo running until Feb. 28 of next year. The promo is open to all customers who purchase any LG DVD player, mini component, and DVD home theater from all participating outlets. Customers will be issued an LG at the City card that entitles them to free rentals of up to 10 DVDs or 20 VCDs on any Video City branch nationwide. For info call the LG Customer Information Center at (02)640-2525.

Abenson Avant opens

ABENSON Avant promises a new concept in lifestyle entertainment in its first store at the posh Greenbelt 4 in Ayala Center Makati, which recently opened this month. It showcases the most innovative electronics, entertainment and home appliances. The store features five demonstration areas where customers can "test drive" a variety of devices and their seamless interaction with digital entertainment content. These areas include a digital imaging "shooting gallery" that has a complete range of digital still cameras, camcorders and photo printers. Avant will also carry the country's widest line of top brands in electronics, audio video and home appliances all at great value.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City
Telefax Nr 421-2327; 911-6001 Loc 6592
Email: pid@info.com

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Armed Forces of the Philippines invites all manufacturers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Supply and Delivery of 6,658 pcs Magazine Assy for M16 (20 rounds Cap) Aluminum and 6,913 pcs Magazine Assy for M16 (30 rounds Cap) Aluminum with an approved budget of P5,910,000.00 chargeable against CY 2004 Weapons Operating Budget.

Likewise, the AFP invites all manufacturers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Supply and Delivery of 1,000 pcs Fuze Assy for Ctg 60/81mm HE with an approved budget of P2,500,000.00 chargeable against CY 2004 Ammo Operating Budget.

Only bids from entities who are manufacturers of said items and who have manufacturing capability shall be entertained

Bid documents will be available for issuance starting October 19, 2004 until November 18, 2004 during office hours (8 00 AM to 5 00 PM) at the BAC Secretariat Office, AFP Logistics Command, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Pesos (P5,910.00) for the magazine Assy and Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) for the Fuze Assy. The form of payment will be in cash or cashier's check in favor of the ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Representatives are required to present a Special Power of Attorney, issued by the prospective bidder before issuance of the Bid documents and all other transactions thereto:

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on the following dates.

Nomenclature	Date/Place
Magazine Assy for M16 (20 & 30 rds Cap) Alum	November 12, 2004 at 9:00 AM at the Silid Panday Pira, OJ9, I/F Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City
Fuze Assy for Ctg 60/81mm HE	November 12, 2004 at 1:00 PM at the Silid Panday Pira, OJ9, I/F Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

Bidders who have inquiries must communicate in writing to the BAC Secretariat three (3) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Deadlines for submission of bid documents are as follows:

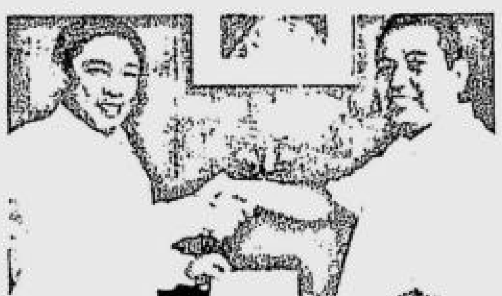
Nomenclature	Date/Place
Magazine Assy for M16 (20 & 30 rds Cap) Alum	November 24, 2004 at 9:00 AM at the Silid Panday Pira, OJ9, I/F Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City Bid Opening will follow
Fuze Assy for Ctg 60/81mm HE	November 26, 2004 at 9:00 AM at the Silid Panday Pira, OJ9, I/F Bulwagang Mabini, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City Bid Opening will follow.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines reserves the right to reject any or all bids pursuant to RA 9184 without assuming any obligation whatsoever for any expenses or losses that may be incurred by the bidder in the preparation of his bid.

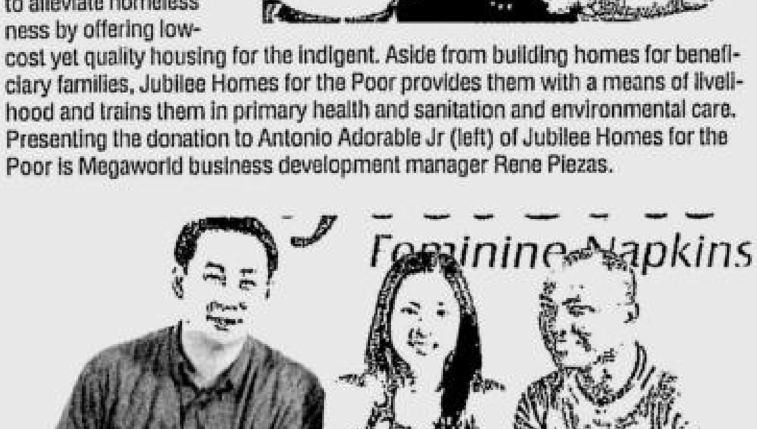
(Sgd) REYNALDO D RIVERA
MGEN AFP
Chairman

(PDI - Oct. 19 & 26, 2004)

MEGAWORLD GIVES TO JUBILEE HOMES FOR THE POOR



Megaworld Foundation, the corporate giving arm of property giant Megaworld Corporation, extended financial support to Jubilee Homes for the Poor, a joint project of the Council of the Laity of the Philippines and the Philippine Solidarity Foundation, which aims to alleviate homelessness by offering low-cost yet quality housing for the indigent. Aside from building homes for beneficiary families, Jubilee Homes for the Poor provides them with a means of livelihood and trains them in primary health and sanitation and environmental care. Presenting the donation to Antonio Adorable Jr (left) of Jubilee Homes for the Poor is Megaworld business development manager Rene Piezas.



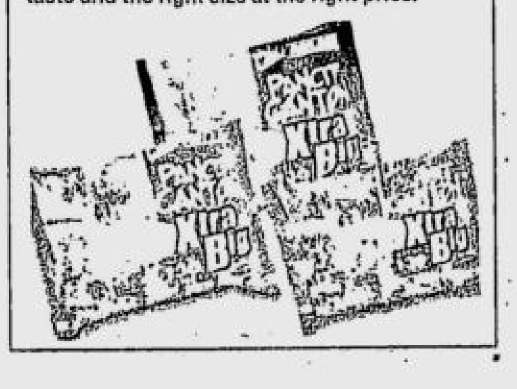
SANDARA IS CONFIDENT ACTIVE ENDORSER

Globe Noble International Corp, has chosen Sandara Park as its new celebrity endorser for their Confident Active Feminine Napkin line. Confident Napkin boasts of the so slim yet super absorbent pad just perfect for the girl on the go. It has uniquely positioned 'dual side cuff' barrier to greatly restrain side leaks and has a super soft and dry cover for the added comfort and protection. Confident also has the Active Next To Nothing Pantiliners that guarantees all day freshness. Confident Active is available in stores nationwide. Shown are (from left) Edwin Ong, managing director of Global Noble International Corp; Sandara and Jerry Telan of Talent Center.

Product Files

Okkk Payless Xtra Big

TRY the new Okkk Payless Pancit Canton Xtra Big. Unlike regular sized pancit cantons, Payless' newest product features a larger serving to satisfy anyone's appetite. It offers three delicious flavors - Original, Kalamansi and Chili-mansi flavor. Payless Pancit Canton Xtra Big is also Ok-sustansya because it's fortified with 11 more vitamins and minerals. So switch to the pancit canton with the right taste and the right size at the right price.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 897-8425 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 897-8425
G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5224406 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The Widest Reaching Classifieds

RATES
P245 per column centimeter
P75 per line
(All prices exclusive of E-VAT)

DEADLINES
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Mondays to Saturdays 12:00 noon Day before publication
Sundays 12:00 noon every Thursday

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

MEDICAL

PHYSICIAN/SURGEON

•RAPID Tx VD-STD
Ex: SWEAT PIMPLES KELOID
ALLERGY WARTS SKIN PEEL
15 Annapolis Greenhills
Call 7276124 - 25 9am-7pm

VDSTD Skin Clinic Rapid
Tx Comp Lab Tel. 8175071
Matrinco 2178 P. Tamo Makati

DR. C.M. GARMA SPECIALITY CLINIC
VD-GONORRHEA,
SYPHILIS, AIDS
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
ADULT CIRCUMCISION
PAINLESS, GERMAN CUT, BLOODLESS
SKIN DISEASES, WARTS,
CYST, VAGINAL REPAIR
BLOOD, URINE
PREG. AIDS TEST
8 Purdue St.
Cubao, Q. C.
Back Stella Maris Coll.
nr. Isetan
Open- Mon to Sat
9 am to 5 pm
Tel. 4392706 / 9139474

PERSONAL

INSURANCE

PRUDENTIALIFE Education• Pension•Life 0917-8997547

MASSAGE

PARAKLESIS THERAPEUTIC TRAINING CENTER
Call 453-2645/0919-3834178 /0919-5901076
SEMINAR ON MASSAGE!!! (Free Meals)
With Certificate & Diploma

02-3233269 Best Boys

ADAM'S APPLE 3605724

AKHIN THAI - BAGUIO & CEBU 0921-4400027, MLA 8347357

ASK JOHN MALE MASSEURS (0921)5364794

MALE 09173249921

MALE MASSEUR
453-1091

MALE REFLEX
CLASS A MALE MASSEUR
456-0799

MALE TOUCH 8535399 24 HRS.

MASSAGE 8539217 ALFRED

MR. UNIVERSE SPA
1157 Quezon Ave 4101259

Mr BODY PHYSIQUE
11A Kamias QC 4350978

PINK
374-8480

THAI Msge Lic 0921-7569278

REFLEXOLOGY

BODYLAX
131 Roosevelt Ave SFDM
Promo 40% 414-4488

Jason 3rd Massage 4372542

★FEELS GOOD 4127758★

REFLEXOLOGY 0918-6719110

•Wizard Massage 4213197•

TUTORIAL LESSONS

AmSpeak/Languages 8944311

LIGHT 5301315 / 5268216

MISCELLANEOUS

WEB DESIGN 0927-8910444

HOUSEHOLD

FLOOR SANDING

JL Flr Sand Serv 8535599

HOUSEHOLD JOBS

A'A MAIDS & YAYA 4386920

ANGEL MAIDS 4213253

HI PAY MAID, YAYA 732-67-50

Direct Maid Yaya Cook 9957034

DIRECT MAIDS,YAYA, COOK 7289060

Good Maids -Yaya Boy 7572089

Help Agency 532-1947 • 532-8503

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLD JOBS

PACIFIC: MAIDS, ETC SINCE 1948 T:7312672

BEST MAIDS 8250754

Trusted Maids w/NBI 4392490

We have Maids Nurse Mwife Homecare 4128513 3664375

Yaya Cook H'maid - 8957507

LIPAT BAHAY

•731-6833•LIPAT

•CHEAP LBAHAY 9260424•

L-BAHAY 8383742/09208449984

L-BAHAY 785-2911

LBahay7433225

P1200/TRIP 742-14-57

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

HOUSE & LOT

LAS PINAS

Ready for Occupancy
LAS PINAS/BACOOR
Regency-Las Piñas P1,055,000.00
Manuela-Las Piñas P1,900,000.00
Arcadia-Bacoor P814,000.00
Only P5,000 to reserve. No loan reqmnt
E.B. LOREDO REALTY
874-0487 • 873-5949

MANILA

SINGALONG MANILA BnewTwnhse/3stry/3br/3tbmaid's rm 1-2grge P3.990M up 8903461 loc. 34

MARIKINA

Bnew 4BR 3TB 2.8M 9487112

QUEZON CITY

6BR3TB Bung P4M 09178997547

•B-New #124 SCOUT CASTOR• 9210255/9967 ; 09277205673

BNew 2Dr 2stry w/prkng 3.3M 3-4min to walk SM North Edsa other T. Sora Subd area 1.6M 930-6106

RIZAL

COTTONWOODS-ANTIPOLO!
Big Lawn Near Clubhouse
Corner Lot with Basement & Veranda 4BR 4T&B Tilled
LA565m² JOE TAN 637-5148
0921-2002078 0917-4157766

OTHER AREAS

HSE & LOT FOR SALE
Fully Furn Hot Spring Pool & Spa LA-705sqm FA-250sqm Brgy. Bagong Calzada Calamba City, Laguna (02) 671-4577 • 0919-6270156

BULACAN

STA. MARIA 225T 3636468

CAVITE

BACOOR 650T 09202434690

LAGUNA

BINAN 400T (0920)2434690

CONDO/TWNHSE

MAKATI

1.1M C5 Nr The Fort
10T/mo. or 4Yrs No Int. or 10% D.P. LIPAT AGAD 2-4BR 15min Fr Mktl 0917-8313226

Kensington Place 0917-5213838

NEW MAKATI CONDO
1,2,3br Ready to Move-In nr Ayala Cash / Terms Discounts 1.8M up 4108395;09198504468

WEST OF AYALA
RFO 1st Class Amenities 1BR, 2BR, w/Parking 635-6647 • 0917-8370007

MANILA

NR UST, ESPANA TOWER
6873372 0917-8102903

SN ANDRES MANILA Bnew Twnhse/3stry/3br/3tb/grge P3.355M up 8903461 loc 34

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

CONDO/TWNHSE

PASIG

READY FOR OCCUPANCY
FOR SALE
OR LEASE TO OWN
RESIDENTIAL UNITS
THRU BANK FINANCING
UP TO 10 YEARS
1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Available
ASTORIA PLAZA
AGENTS / BROKERS ARE WELCOME
#15 Escriva Drive, Ortigas, Pasig City
Tel# 687-2363
631-3929
910-0372

MANDALUYONG

1.6M 43sqm, 09192189817

PASIG

1.4M 3Yrs No Int 40sqm Nr Mkti & Ort 0917-9749397

1.6M ORTIGAS AVE. RESORT-TYPE, 1st Class 2-4BR P13T/ mo. or NoDP or 0% Bess • 0917-5234223

QUEZON CITY

Alpha Victoria 0917-5213838

Valencia Hills 1BR 634-1212

LOT

MAKATI

114sqm @ P25T/sqm 8908681

VITO CRUZ EXT. COR. M.Unidos St. 298m² @ P30T/sqm • T-0917-9160226

MANDALUYONG

Lot Edsa 400m² 645-3731

QUEZON CITY

Cor Lot North F'view Sitio Seville 372m² 09178913634

PROVINCIAL

★100% TAGAYTAY ★ 240m²-up 3,300/m² 125T DP 6T Mo Best Loc nr Taal Vista 6609372

OTHER AREAS

•TAGAYTAY VILLAS• THE RIDGE 3M to 5M w/ Golf & Club Membership 536-1609 / 0917-5022722

MEMORIAL LOT

Heritage Park 634-1212

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

HOUSE

MAKATI

2BR2TB 4Gar. T-0917-9160226

QUEZON CITY

New Intram Vill QC Nr U.P., Aten , Miriam, P19T 3br 3tb 1Cg 0918-5956112

CONDO/TWNHSE

MAKATI

STUDIO NEAR RCBC PLAZA W/PARKING P7K 658-9342

PASIG

PARC RYL 1BR FF 4121825

APARTMENT

MANILA

GOV FORBES APT UP/DOWN CALL OFF HRS 5233907

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

APARTMENT

MANILA

Apartment 4500-15000 Bed-space 1500 Ajie Joy 5610960 09204136412

QUEZON CITY

PROJ.4 2BR 439-0108 Nick

FOR LEASE

OFF. SPACE 25 & 30 SQM 4 LEASE COR ADRIATICO & P. FAURA STS CALL OFF HRS 5233907

WAREHOUSE/ FACTORY

MALABON
Acacia Gov. Pascual Ave.
Concrete Warehouse
Areas: 1,710.46 sqm. & 972 sqm.
Rent P80/sqm.
Tels. 818-2781/751-5472

ROOM & BOARD

•FURNISH PASAY 8872865•

P120! Mla 4118679/7836781

P200 Sucat Pque 8275345

BEDSPACE

Ladies only, Nr Zapote Mkti P2,500 0920-9112912

Mkt nr Ayala P1T BS 7257342

BUSINESS RENTAL

FOR RENT COML w/Full Bath in Kamagong Mkt ASAP 8991883 / 0921-4918188

MALATE 3T/m²
Single Storey Commercial Bldg. 843-7633/37; 843-7539

LOAN & MORTGAGE

2% W/O TAKING CAR 3677523/24

BUSINES DOCTOR 524-3197

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

MALATE MLA 526-8048/49

SHAW TOWER nr. MEGAMALL 29sqm - 35sqm @ P11T - 13T /mo. • Call T-0917-9160226

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR RENT

CONDO/TWHSE/ FOR SALE/RENT

Burgundy Katipunan fronting Ateneo 2BR furn rent19Tneg 927-4517 • 0917-7940707

RUSH FOR SALE!
BNEW PENTHOUSE UNIT
8 WACK WACK CONDOMINIUM
MANDALUYONG
OVERLOOKING GOLFCOURSE
FACING EAST
• 4 BDRMS W/ T&b
• 3 PARKING SLOTS
• 2 OUT DOOR VERANDAS
• 310 SQM (TOTAL AREA)
CALL: MS BING ATESOR
0920-9216122
926-2802 (OFC HOURS)

OTHER REAL ESTATE

REALTORS/SEMINAR

Brokers Review 4382966

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

ISUZU

Passenger Van (02)-9256493 0917-3735739 P600OTH

NISSAN

03 SENTRA GX Loaded A/T P450T Almost New 724-1373

97 Cefiro A/T 350T 0917-7488929

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

TOYOTA

'90 Tyta XL5 w/Leatherseat, w/CD Player 0926-2362929 P120T

OTHER CAR BRANDS

Pajero Prado Surf Terrano Delica Town Lite Hi Ace etc Finance T-in 832-8659

PARTS & ACCESSORIES

QUICK SERVICE!
8am-7pm
YOKOHAMA GOODYEAR BRIDGESTONE MOTOLITE ORIENTAL Mobil Lubricants
CREDIT CARDS HONORED!
FREE AFTER-SALES SERVICE!
RUBBER VOLT
36 West Av QC 3716783
115 Mind. Av QC 9291514

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

BENZ Jaguar Lincoln 6825922

CAR VANS 410-0495

CarsVans CoasterBus 422-9296

Cheap Van Rental 9330311

NISSAN Urvan 0917-5444721

P800/L3 9136710 / 4333682

Toyco U Drive w/ Driver All Kinds Cars Van Revo Dly. Wk.Mo. Rental 8023021-22

ABC RENT A CAR
NEW CARS & VANS
PAJERO • HI-ACE
REVO • VIOS • ALTIS • STAREX
CRLA • CRV • LYNX • 536-8822
303-9789 • 426-2278 • 426-4084

CAR LOAN

1% Easy Car Loan 3748765

1.5% Fast Car Loan 3677523/24

1.5% CARLOAN 373-6519

1.5% CARLOAN 533-8254

1.5% Easy Carloan 7815352/55

1.5% Fast Car Loan 6560140

1.5% w/oTaking Car 3732081-82

1.5% w/oTaking Car 3650974/75

1.5% w/oTaking Car 7228942-43

•1HR Fast Car Loan 7125202•

•1HR Fast Car Loan 7125202•

2% w/o Taking Car 7262780

2% w/o taking car 7880183-84

2% w/oTaking Car 8966630/33

2% w/oTaking Car 8870490/95

2% w/oTaking Car 8959454

2% w/oTaking Car 7221021

2% w/out taking car 6567685

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

BUY/SELL

CAP/PRUD PLANS Gle 0917-7939632

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Control weight now 3758988

OTHER EQUIPMENT

We sell: Wheelchair, commodechair, crutches, walkr, quadcne, etc. Mde 2 ordr: prosthesis, braces T-4125613/4133505

PETS

Dog Trainer 0919-2050952

GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPS 6830677 ; 09178540472

ROTTWEILER PUPS 5251916

ROTTWEILER PUPS 09175023026

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

WANTED TO BUY

BUY • SELL • PAWN
SWISS WATCHES
AGENCIA de MAKATI-4587017
SECONDO AYALA CENTER-8940282
OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY
"PROFESSIONAL & CREDIBLE"
LOW 5% INTEREST

A NAME YOU CAN TRUST!
MANILA WATCH EXCHANGE
BUY • SELL • PAWN
ROLEX+OTHERS
& Other Swiss Watches
DIAMONDS / JEWELRY
Hi-Appraisal/Fast Cash
Repair/Polish Any Watch
T#804-0484 • 834-2886

WE BUY AT HIGH PRICE
ROLEX
5646593 5897041
5633742 0917-8473744

BUYING ROLEX
Other WATCHES, BEST PRICE
0917-8142309 • 7269687
7220433 • 4123543

PUBLIC NOTICES

AUCTION SALE

MEYCAUAYAN-FILIPINAS Pawnshop, Aliw Complex, Calvario, Meyc. Bulacan. All unredeemed pledges of APRIL 2004 will be auctioned on OCT. 22, 8:30 am. - Lanuza & Sons-Auctioneer.
(PDI - OCTOBER 18, 2004)

MUNOZ-FILIPINAS PAWNSHOP,Roosevelt Ave., Katipunan, Diliman, Quezon City. All unredeemed pledges of MAY 2004 will be auctioned on OCT. 22, 3.00 PM. - Lanuza & Sons - Auctioneer.
(PDI - OCTOBER 19, 2004)

LEGAL NOTICE

The estate of the late Amorsolo Ulgado Cervantes and Lourdes Altamira Cervantes was extrajudicially settled among his heirs per Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement dated 20th of September 2004, entered as Doc. No. 436, Page No. 90, Book No. XVI, Series of 2004 of Makati Notary Public Terencio F. Taloma Jr.
(PDI - October 5, 12, 19, 2004)

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

A team of Entrepreneurs will be visiting Naga City & Makati to introduce an Int'l Business model that's expanding fast. If interested text @ 0927-5127468.

ProNeed Co. gives 60% COMM Exc. ORC 898-0171 /6284367

EARN P10T upweek - HOW? share d bisnez 0921-5914739

Call Me Only If Your Income is not Enough! Beng Black 0918-5458311

EXTRA INCOME 7126374

Frm Asia to North America, including US Canada China & India L88 is positioned to help you develop & expand a global biz. Log-on www.L88edc.com

Inc Income PT upto 20T/mo3732531

"PIONEERS BECOME MILLIONAIRES!" DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED. 09195531353 http://takemeto.biz/gotime

top-nutrition-business.com

RTW Wholesaler 3738821

Work thru Phone Earn frm home w/travel 726-3226 (9-5 Mon-Fri)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MALE/FEMALE

BSP•BSN•PT•MT
Any Allied Health Grads up to P45T/ Mo! 8922818

CAREGIVER T-5280747

Got a Phone? Earn up to P30,000/mo. Flexible Hrs w/Travel Opp. 8927828

LIC. MED. TECH, NURSE & XRAY TECH. CALL 7325807

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF ONE-YEAR WASTE OIL GENERATION
FOR EMB-DENR ACCREDITED WASTE TREATERS ONLY
"AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS

DATE OF BIDDING: October 27, 2004, 2:00 PM, Solarium Hall, Building-1, NPC Head Office Agham Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

This public bidding is for the sale of one-year waste oil generation from the following:

ITEM	NPC THERMAL POWER PLANT AND LOCATION	MIN. BID PRICE
1	PANAY DIESEL, POWER PLANT-1 BRGY. TABUGON, DINGLE, ILOILO PROVINCE	P 4.40
2	BOHOL DIESEL POWER PLANT DAMPAS, TAGBILARAN CITY (BOHOL ISLAND)	P 4.40
3	NAGA POWER PLANT COMPLEX COLON, NAGA, CEBU PROVINCE	P 4.40
4	BATAAN COMBINED-CYCLE POWER PLANT BRGY. LUZ, LIMAY, BATAAN PROVINCE	P 4.40

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S/CASHIER'S CHECK EQUIVALENT TO PhP 120,000.00.
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN 2003 ORIGINAL (OR CERTIFIED XEROX COPY) FOR THE BIDDER OR AN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT (ORIGINAL) OF THE COMPANY.
3. VALID ACCREDITATION FROM EMB-DENR FOR TREATMENT/ STORAGE/DISPOSAL (TSD) FACILITY AND FOR THE WASTE TRANSPORTER, INCLUDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PERMIT TO TRANSPORT, WASTE MANIFEST FORM AND CERTIFICATE OF TREATMENT ALL ACKNOWLEDGED BY EMB-DENR.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the public bidding must present the original accreditation from EMB-DENR and may secure the official bid forms at P1,000.00/set from Mr. Samuel V. Lomuntad, Jr. at Ground Floor, Building-1, NPC Head Office, Agham Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Q.C. or call telephone no. 924-5384. **Deadline for issuance of bid forms is 4:30 PM, October 26, 2004.**

For the Materials Management Department
(Sgd.) **FELIX B. TACATA, JR.**
OIC, MMD

(PDI - Oct. 17, 18 & 19, 2004)

GIA®

Thailand Campus

Learn about Gems & Jewelry

From the world's foremost authority in gemology
70+ year history of excellence in education
over 300,000 students worldwide

GIA Graduate Gemologist Diploma
The most recognized gemological credential

G.G. Program starts January 10, 2005
GIA Thailand Campus

Bisco Tower-12th Flr., 56/12 Sub Rd., Bangrak, Bangkok Thailand
Tel: (662) 237-9575 / 77 Fax: (662) 236-9829
giathai@ksc.th.com www.giathailand.com

TENDER

www.henrybutcher.com

BILLIARD TABLE MANUFACTURING MACHINERY; BILLIARD TABLE COMPONENTS; FORKLIFT, ETC.

DEADLINE SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 22 OCTOBER 2004 5:00PM PROMPT

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT - (2) SAMCHULLY SMD-410 Twin Spindle Bench Drills; (3) WOO SEONG 19mm Bench Drills; WOO SEONG 13mm Bench Drill; Six Spindle Drill; Single/Double Plywood Table Saw; (3) Angle Saws; SAMHO Planer; Twelve/Nine Spindle Boring Machines; SAMSUNG Eight Spindle Side Borer; Pocket Boring Machines; Surface Router; CHANG WONG Auto Former; Manual Former; Hydraulic Press; CHANG WONG Mechanical Press; H-Bender; Glueing Machines; DONG BANG DBM-2407 Auto Shaft Molder; HANSHIN/KYONG WON/HANYANG Receiver Mounted Air Compressors; ELEPHANT 2T Electric Hoist; Turbo Fan Dust Collecting System

BILLIARD TABLE COMPONENTS - Complete Dismantled Billiard Tables; Cue Balls; Cushions; Rails; Slate Beds, etc,

FORKLIFT - HYUNDAI PF30D 3T cap. Forklift

Viewing: Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd October 2004 - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Location: Warehouse #8, #292 E. Miranda St., Paso de Blas, Valenzuela, M.M.
Refundable Deposit: 10% of the total bid price

GoIndustry Henry Butcher
[illegible]

HENRY BUTCHER INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES INC
Rm. 102 [illegible] Bldg., 670 Edsa, Pasay City, Philippines
Tel No.: +(63-2) [illegible] Fax No.: +(63-2) [illegible]
E-mail: [illegible]@henrybutcher.com
Website: www.henrybutcher.com/www.goindustry.com

VISIT US AT www.jobmarketonline.com
JOBMarket ONLINE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MALE/FEMALE

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE
Earn P3,000up weekly
18yrs old above, willing to be trained, No experience req'd
FREE Orientation at Rm 302 Sunrise Condo, Ortigas Av SJ
Jhun Garcia 0920-9112910

IMMEDIATE HIRING
15 CALL CTR AGENTS
Now Accepting Undergrads
Call 914-4572/73

SALES AGENTS 0917-8398865

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas will sell thru public auction **FOUR (4) UNITS, 1996 VOLVO SEDAN 850 GLE 2.5 SERVICEABLE MOTOR VEHICLE** located at BSP Motorpool and Sports Complex, P. Casal Street, Quiapo, Manila thru sealed bids to be received by the Committee not later than ***10:00 A.M.*** on ***29 October 2004*** at Room MR-2C, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, BSP Main Complex, A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo Sr. Streets, Malate, Manila.

Interested parties may inspect the aforesaid items at their locations before the bidding date.

Forms and further information may be obtained from the Committe's Executive Officer c/o Ms. Crisanta F. Reyes, Administrative Services Department, Room 109, Ground Floor, 5-Storey Building, A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo Sr. Streets, Malate, Manila, Telephone No. 525-8786.

(Sgd.) **MELPIN A. GONZAGA**
Chairman

(PDI--Oct. 19, 2004)

POEA
24-HR HOTLINES
722-1144 ● 722-1155

THE HERITAGE PARK
FORT BONIFACIO
"The newly opened Mortuary & Crematory at the Heritage Park
Memorial Park
Mortuary
Viewing Chapels
Crematory
Bayani Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila
Trunk Line: (632) 845-2334 to 38

OBITUARIES

RATE
P245 per column centimeter
(All prices exclusive of E-VAT)

DEADLINE
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Monday to Sunday
12:00 noon
Day before publication

1987

Speaker Jose de Venecia, Jr.
and the
Members of the House of Representatives

mourn the demise of a distinguished colleague

HON. BENJAMIN A. CRUZ

Party-list Representative, BUTIL, 11th, 12th, 13th Congress
1998 - 2004

on October 14, 2004 at the age of 70.

His remains will be brought to the Plenary Hall, House of Representatives, Batasan Hills, Quezon City, from Baliuag, Bulacan for a Requiem Mass and Necrological Services at 10:00 a.m. today, October 19, 2004.

After the Requiem Mass and Necrological Services at the House of Representatives, his remains will be brought back to the family residence in Barangay Concepcion, Baliuag, Bulacan.

Interment will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2004, at the Gateway to Heaven Cemetery, Baliuag, Bulacan.

We request pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

ROLANDO PASAGUI SICAT

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on October 16, 2004 at the age of 70.

His bereaved wife **CONSUELO**, mother **PILAR**, children, children-in-law, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and friends request your prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels at Sucat, Parañaque.

Cremation will be held on October 21, 2004 after the Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m.

REMEDIOS "MEDIONG" H.YAP

of Bantayan, Cebu and Virginia, USA

Peacefully joined our Lord, her loving husband, ***Neding*** *and her son,* ***Bodie*** *on October 16, 2004 at the age of 83.*

Her children **Malen, Pabs, Jay, Jon, Peggy** and **Jackie** request our relatives and friends to pray for her eternal rest.

Her remains were cremated on October 16 and interment took place on October 17, 2004 at the Santuario de San Antonio Ossuary.

Novena masses will be from October 18 - 25, 2004 at St. Andrews Parish, Belair Village, 6:30 p.m.

Memories

"Memory is a way of holding onto the persons you love, the person you are, the love ones you never want to lose."

The **INQUIRER NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS** brings forth – *Memories* – a tabloid-sized supplement to be published on **October 29, 2004** in time for the remembrance of our beloved loved ones.

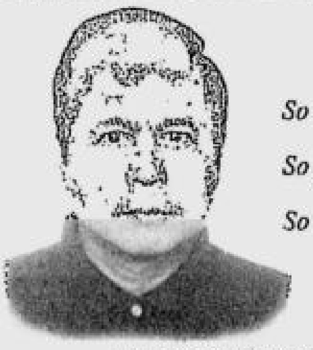
This supplement will be dedicated to pre-need plans, funeral homes, memorial parks and other product/services related to death care. This endeavor will give you a chance to showcase your product lines and the attributes that your services offer.

AD SIZE	RATES
FULL PAGE	54,862.50
HALF PAGE	27,431.25
¼ PAGE	13,715.63
1/8 PAGE	6,857.81

Backed by the most read broadsheet in the land, this promises to be a most cost efficient and effective venture.

Should you have questions please contact Ms. Adela Mendoza, our Account Executive, at 912-9008 to 11 or e-mail us at agarcia@inquirer.com.ph.

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS
The Widest Reaching Classifieds



So dearly loved...

So fondly remembered...

So truly missed...

In memory of a good husband, a loving father,
a dedicated friend and an aspiring leader...

ATTY. ISABELITO HUERTO OJEDA

On the Fourth Anniversary of his rebirth to eternal life on October 20, 2004.

His wife **Sally K. Litonjua**; his children **Gina**, **Gerard**, **Isabelita** and **Susana Grace** request relatives, friends and pious readers to join them in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

Holy Masses will be offered at the following Churches tomorrow, October 20, 2004:

Sacred Heart Parish, *Kamuning*	7:00 AM
Christ the King, *E. Rodriguez*	6:30 AM
Mount Carmel, *New Manila*	7:00 AM
Quiapo Church, *Manila*	7:00 AM
San Agustin Church, *Intramuros*	7:00 AM
Immaculate Concepcion, *Cubao*	7:00 AM
Sta. Quiteria Church, *Baesa, Caloocan City*	6:00 AM
Nativity of Our Lady Parish, *IVS, Marikina*	6:00 PM
San Jose Manggagawa, *Tañong, Marikina*	6:00 PM
San Roque Church, *Mandaluyong*	7:00 AM

So Lovingly Remembered
On his 9th Death Anniversary

RAMON R. ANGELES, MD

Died October 19, 1995

Let us keep his memory alive and offer prayers for his eternal peace and happiness in our Lord.

Mass will be said in his memory at the Sacred Heart Parish, Kamuning, Quezon City on October 19 at 7 am.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

LOURDES PACIA LAGMAN

February 25, 1912 – October 17, 2004

Peacefully joined the Heavenly Father, husband Oscar, son-in-law Pepe, and daughter-in-law Cecile, on October 17, 2004.

Her bereaved children **Leila** and **Oscar Jr.**

grandchildren **Gigi**, **Eleanor** and **Ambie**, **Catherine** and **Dindo**, **Marilene** and **Butch**, **Joseph** and **Myra**, **Anthony** and **Jinky**

Monica, **Ojay** and **Maysie**

her great grandchildren, nephews and nieces, and other relatives request prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Eternal Gardens Memorial Park Chapel, Dagupan City.

Interment will be on October 20, 2004, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

The family will appreciate your donating to the Missionaries of Charity or Mary Help of Christian College Seminary, instead of sending flowers.

Corito Kaimo

On this her birthday, we lovingly remember her. Her crisp laughter that rang of Life, her smile that blew away the cares of the day and her joy that blessed all those around her. How we miss you, JM

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

Teodora Maglalang vda. de Tetangco

who passed away on 4 October 2004

wish to thank all those who offered prayers and masses, sent flowers, extended assistance and condoled with us during a most trying moment.

We miss her quiet gentle presence and constant care, yet find comfort in the thought that she is now happily reunited with *Tata* in the loving embrace of our Almighty Father.

"For God so loved the World, that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have Everlasting life."

—John 3:16

ATTY. LEO (CALOY) C. MEDIALDEA, JR.

Peacefully joined his Creator on October 16, 2004 at the age of 50.

His loving wife **Efie**; dear daughter **MJ**; father **Leo** (†); mother **Fe**; brother **Bingbong** and **Betty**; sister **Mia** and **Cris**; sister **Indit** and **Ellery**; nephews **LJ**, **John-John**, **Bujoy**, **Paolo** and **CJ**; relatives-in-law; aunties, uncles, cousins and other relatives request pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul and everlasting happiness.

His remains lie in state at the Sanctuario de San Antonio, McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City.

Interment will be at the Manila Memorial Park on October 21, 2004 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

Always caring...
INQUIRER OBITUARIES

WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS
and bank-to-bank payments

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
❶ Copy of Death Certificate
❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

• DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT • MESSAGE OF THANKS
• DEATH ANNIVERSARY • REQUIEMS

HON. ENRIQUE "IKING" DE CASTRO ASUNCION, SR.

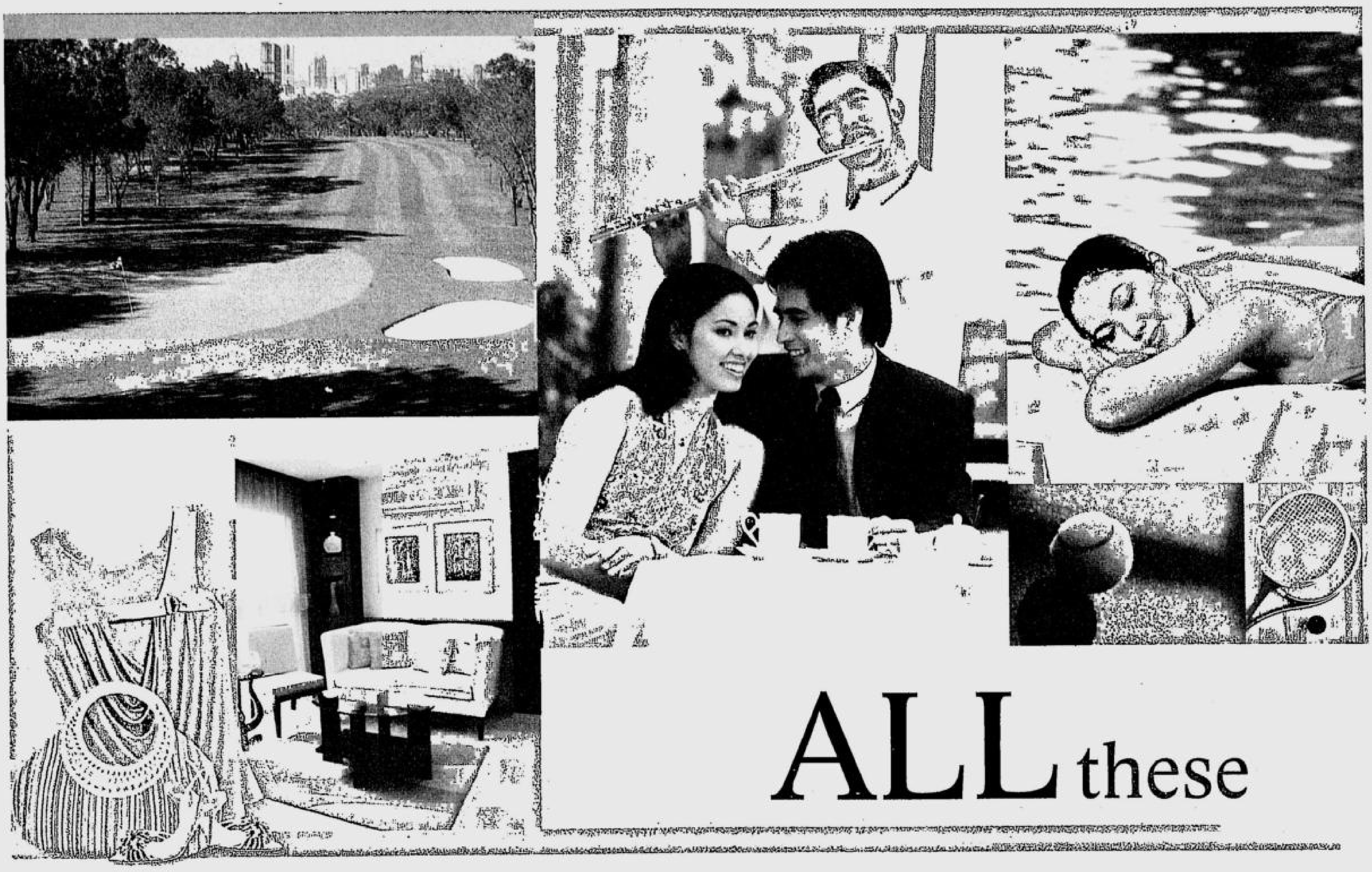
Mayor of Silang Cavite (1956 - 1971)

Peacefully joined his Creator on October 17, 2004 at the age of 80.

His bereaved wife **Racquel**; children **Boc** & **Normita**, **Boy** & **Deling**, **Totoy** & **Evelyn**, **Edith** & **Boyet**, **Aboy** & **Flora**, **Bobot** & **Sheila**, **Eric** & **Steve**, **Jing** & **Frank**, **Isay** & **Al**, **Evie** & **Jessie** & grandchildren; brothers **Celso** & **Ernesto**; sisters **Agustina**, **Virginia**, **Ligaya** and **Josefina** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at their residence at 325 J. Rizal St., Silang, Cavite.

Interment will be on Sunday, October 24, 2004 at 12:00 noon at the Himlayan Paraiso, Silang, Cavite.



ALL these

...in Your Very Own Paradise.

FORBESWOOD HEIGHTS
LUXURY GARDEN RESIDENCES
Come Home to Paradise.

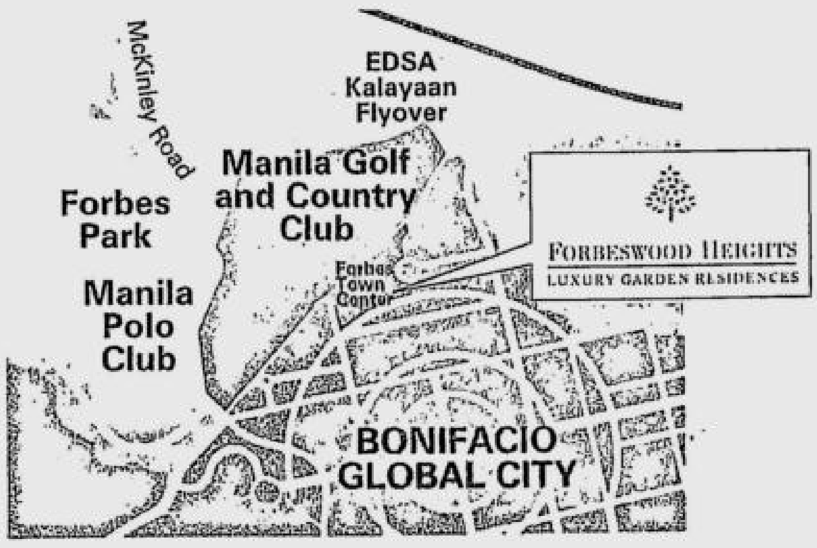
Fronting Manila Golf & Country Club, Crescent Park West, Bonifacio Global City

Leave the rest of the world behind... in a paradise all your own. Soak up some sun by a 25-meter lap pool.

Practice your strokes at the tennis court. Put your feet up and read a book in the windswept garden.

Discover great dining and shopping along Forbes Town Road, a stretch buzzing with cafes and boutiques a few steps from your gates. All these, amid breathtaking views of the Manila Golf green.

Forbeswood Heights. Your never-ending love affair with life.


McKinley Road
EDSA Kalayaan Flyover
Manila Golf and Country Club
Forbes Park
Manila Polo Club
Forbes Town Center
FORBESWOOD HEIGHTS LUXURY GARDEN RESIDENCES
BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY

AGOHO TOWER	BAUHINIA TOWER	CAMBRIDGE TOWER	DORCHESTER TOWER	EVERGREEN TOWER	FLORIDA TOWER
Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	Sold Out	85% SOLD	94% SOLD

FORBES TOWN ON-SITE SHOWROOM
OPEN DAILY FROM 8:30 AM TO 7 PM.
FOR A VIEWING APPOINTMENT, CALL

816-2768
816-3520
816-3517

HLURB LICENSE TO SELL NO. 06246

A Luxury Residential Development of:

MEGAWORLD CORPORATION
www.megaworldcorp.com
ISO 9001:2000 CERTIFIED

and

BONIFACIO WEST
BONIFACIO WEST DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Forbes Town Center, 26th Street corner Rizal Drive, Crescent Park West District, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila
Fax: (632) 816-2514 • E-mail: sales@megaworldcorp.com

A tennis 'expert' in basketball land /C5

LIFESTYLE

sms feedback: Inquirer life name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) and 386 (Smart) or email us at pr_lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

Editor Chelo Banal-Formoso

Crazy chocolate cravings

Part One

WELL AND GOOD

Tina Juan

WOMEN are notorious for using food to relieve stress. Food has been called the good girl's drug. While some women may abuse alcohol and drugs to cope with stress, most women turn to food.

But women rarely crave meat or *chicharon*. Cravings are almost always for chocolate, cake and cookies.

Here are some possible reasons for chocolate cravings.

I eat anything as long as it is chocolate.

Biological psychologist Marcia Pelchat defines food craving as "a very intense desire to eat a particular food, strong enough that you may go out of your way to get it."

She says there is a difference between hunger and craving. Any food will quiet a growling stomach, but a craving is usually only satisfied with a specific type of food.

For example, a craving for pizza cannot be satisfied with spaghetti. Often, not just any pizza will do.

Research in Canada and the United States shows that chocolate is the No. 1 craved for food. Pizza is a close second. Pelchat notes that chocolate and pizza have three things in common: They are highly palatable, very aromatic and flavorful.

No Chocoholics Anonymous because no one wants to quit.

Many women swear they are addicted to chocolate. But liking chocolate is not considered a real addiction because the "user" does not develop a tolerance (needing more and more chocolate to satisfy a craving) nor experiences physical withdrawal symptoms.

And, although eating chocolate can induce feelings of euphoria, you have to eat a couple of pounds of chocolate to get the same effect as smoking a joint of marijuana.

I'm going on a starvation diet.

Researchers noted that people who had just started a diet had more cravings than long-term dieters. Pelchat explains that long-term dieters may be following a "sensible" diet that is rich in variety and, thus, are less prone to cravings.

On the other hand, short-term dieters may have a more rigid, monotonous diet forbidding many kinds of food. Cravings could be triggered by boredom or could be an "emotional response" to feelings of deprivation. Just knowing you can't have a certain food could make you crave for it.

God sends no stress that prayer and chocolate cannot handle!

Psychologist Isaac Greenberg of Harvard Medical School says food may act as an "efficient relaxant." Digesting food switches off a part of the nervous system that is responsible for making you tense.

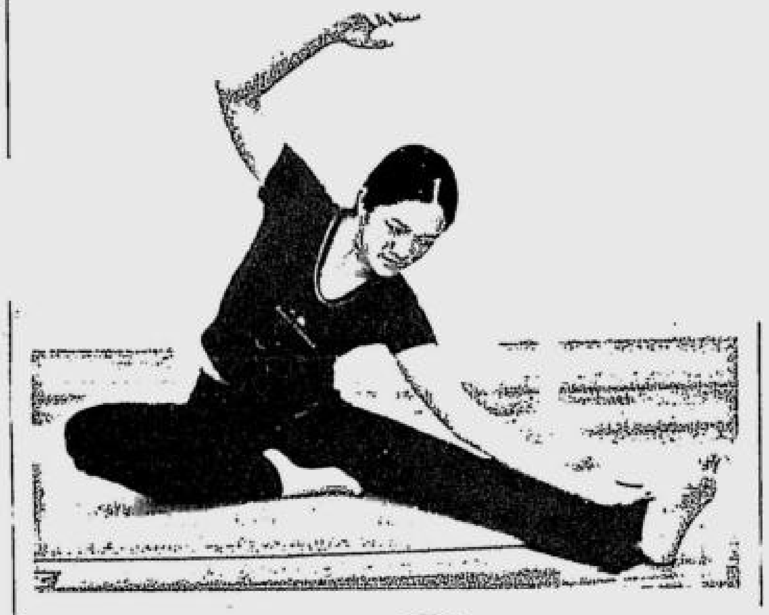
When we are tense or anxious, we tend to crave "comfort food" or food our parents used to give us when we were feeling bad.

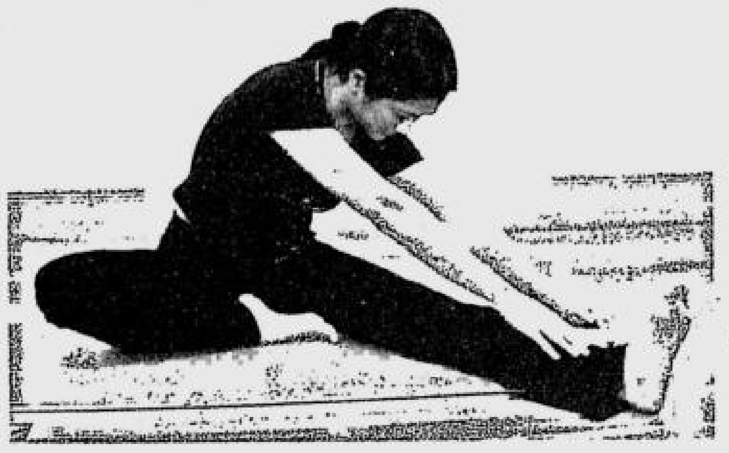
CRAZY/ C2

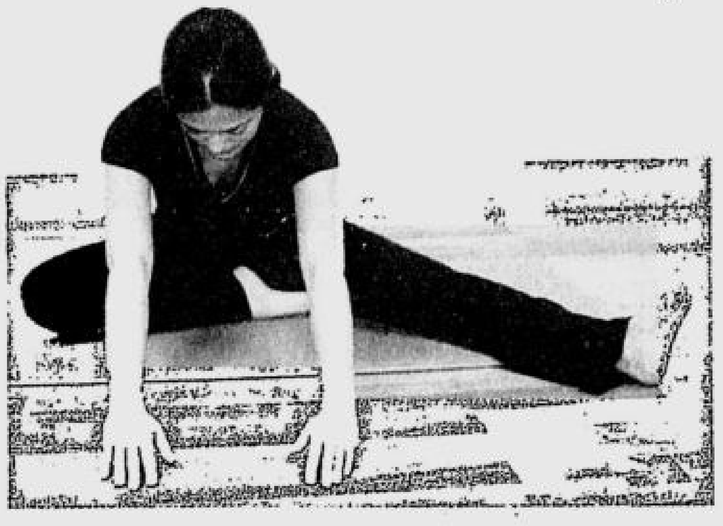
ILLUSTRATION BY ALBERT G. RODRIGUEZ

EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

Half straddle series







THIS yoga-inspired exercise stretches the waist, inner thighs, hamstrings (back of the thighs) and buttocks.

Equipment:

Exercise mat

Exercise technique:

1. Sit in a half straddle with one leg straight and the other bent. Flex your foot and tighten up the muscles in the front of your thigh.

2. Bend sideways.

3. Then carefully turn toward your leg with both arms reaching forward.

4. And, finally, walk your hands on the floor and reach forward in front of your body.

5. Slowly return to the starting position.

Performance tips:

1. Keep your buttocks pressed against the floor in all the positions. Avoid tilting your pelvis to reach farther.

2. If you cannot reach your toes, hold your shins or ankles.

3. Try to relax as you hold each position. Keep your shoulders free from tension.

4. Focus on keeping your inhalation and exhalation even and consistent.

5. If you cannot maintain a straight back in the starting position because your hamstrings are not as flexible, roll up a towel and put it under your buttocks. This will elevate your pelvis and make it easier to sit with a straight back.

Repetitions:

One breath means breathing in and breathing out. Hold each position for three to five breaths.

FOLD A BAG
Jollibee

FREE WITH EVERY P400 JOLLIBEE DELIVERY PURCHASE
AVAILABLE IN BLUE, RED AND BLACK
PROMO PERIOD: OCT 1 TO NOV 15, 2004

DIAL 8-7000 Jollibee Delivery

8-7000 is available in Metro Manila only. For provincial areas, please call the nearest Jollibee delivery store.

Are your Insides Fit?

C-Lium © Fibre is 100% psyllium husks, a pre-need and multi tasking fiber which helps eliminate constipation, helps regulate the bowel movement, cleans the colon and intestine of waste and toxins helps reduce the risk of heart disease, helps remove cholesterol, is natural fat absorber, helps reduce weight, helps control blood sugar and contributes to achieving well-being for the whole family.

CONSTIPATED
REFLUX

C-Lium FIBRE

C-Lium © Fibre for Internal Fitness

100% NATURAL AND ORGANIC FIBER SUPPLEMENT
NO ADDITIVES
NO SWEETENERS
NO CHOLESTEROL AND GLUTEN FREE
GLYCEIMIC INDEX (GI) LOW

Psyllium husks is endorsed by:
USFDA, ATKINS Diet, South Beach Diet
National Heart Foundation · American Heart Association · HALAL
BFAD Approved FR 38176

C-Lium © Fibre
For a healthier stomach.
Imported and Marketed by:
Oarsworth Marketing Inc
935 Maligaya Street Malate Metro Manila Philippines
Tel: (632) 5246549, 5248146 Fax: (632) 5218311
E-mail clumfibre@pacific.net.ph
Webpage. www.cliumfibre.com

AVAILABLE AT:
mercury drug
NAGMAMALASAKIT GAMOT AY LAGING BAGO AND OTHER LEADING DRUGSTORES

DISTRIBUTED BY:
PHILUSA CORPORATION TEL: 631-1731 to 39 Fax: 635-6510 to 11

RECOMMENDED BY GASTROENTEROLOGISTS, MEDICAL AND HEALTH PRACTITIONERS.
TXT 4 INFO: • LUZON 09167418346 • VISAYAS 09182532635 • MINDANAO 09212666228

No

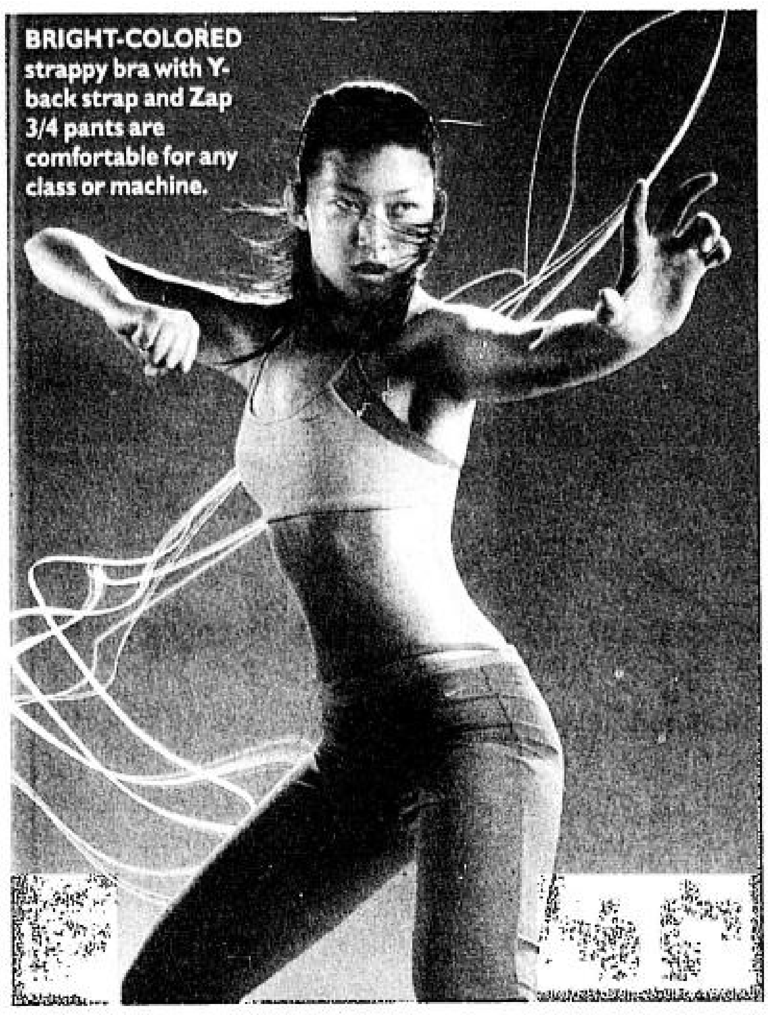
sweet

talk.

Coca-Cola light
Sprite
Royal

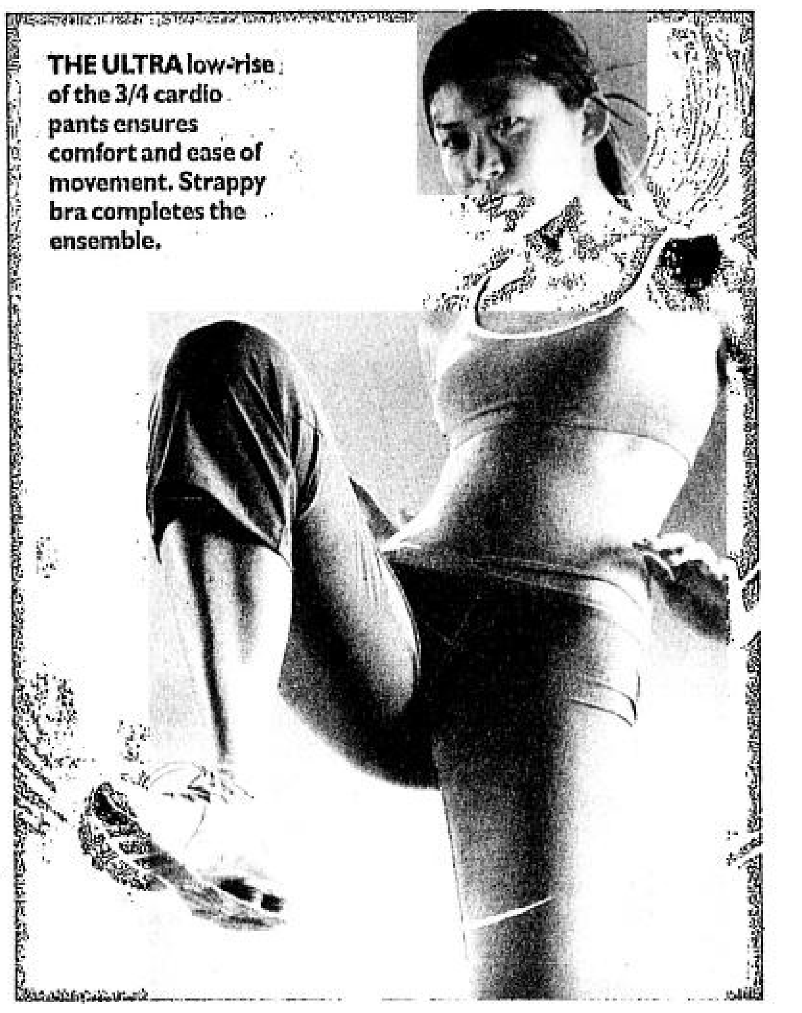
The drinks pictured above are for the health-conscious. Low calórie, and like this ad, completely sugar free.

"Coca-Cola light", "Royal", "Sprite", and the Dynamic Ribbon device are trademarks of The Coca-Cola Company © 2004 The Coca-Cola Company



BRIGHT-COLORED strappy bra with Y-back strap and Zap 3/4 pants are comfortable for any class or machine.

A LAYER of Dri-Fit tricot with one-way stretch hidden inside this Y-back mesh tank gives maximum support.



THE ULTRA low-rise of the 3/4 cardio pants ensures comfort and ease of movement. Strappy bra completes the ensemble.

THE SHORT-SLEEVED half zip Nike sphere zoom top provides great moisture management. The Dri-Fit shorts have UV protection.

Cardio and the aura of good health

THIS HOLIDAY season, Nike unleashes the "Fuel Your Aura" campaign, which supports the new apparel, footwear and equipment collection from Nike Women.

According to Rely San Agustin, Nike's Marketing Communication's executive, "There is a powerful beauty that comes from cardio exercise. A kind of radiance that exudes confidence. Running, boxing, stretching, climbing, dancing—these are just some of the activities that fuel your aura."

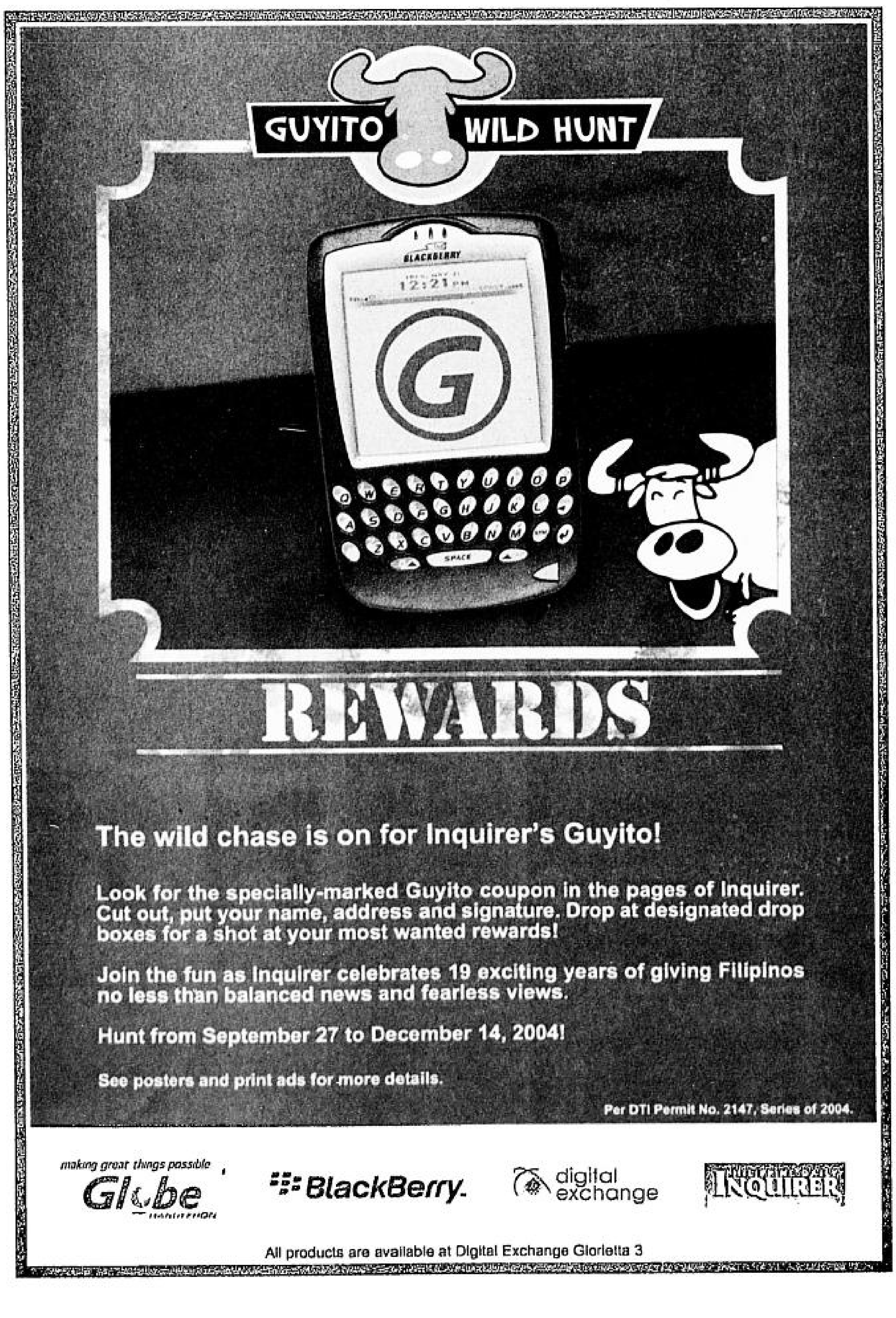
Nike Women offers the following performance products to support your cardio exercises this holiday season:

- Apparel: Bold-colors apparel (with colors like Volt and Majesty) specifically engineered for high-impact cardio movements with a better support system and ventilation.
- Footwear: New shoes created specifically for the woman and her cardio activities: Air Max Treadmill Plus, designed for treadmill running; Air Max Brilliance, designed for outdoor running; Air Spin Gym, designed for spinning classes.
- Equipment: Stylish and functional gym bags, watches and gym equipment to suit a woman's every cardio mood.

Check out the new Nike Women Holiday 2004 collection at Nike Park Glorietta 4, Greenbelt 3, Robinsons Ermita, SM Manila, Podium, Eastwood, Southmall, Bacolod, Cebu, Nike Athletic Club, Nike Sports Center, Nike Women Greenbelt, Galleria, Nike Stadium ATC, Glorietta, Megamall, SM North Edsa, Rockwell, Shangri-La and Nike Zoo.

Visit nikewomen.com.ph. The site champions the benefits of cardiovascular exercise. While you're in the site, nominate your female family members, friends or colleagues in the site's Honor Beauty section, which celebrates specific women who lead healthy, empowered lives—the women who radiate strong, positive aura. Simply fill out your nominee's info and submit her snapshot that showcases her glowing inner beauty. Every month, Nike will select one woman to be the Nike Aura Woman.

CARDIO exercise, like running, boxing, stretching, climbing, dancing, can fuel your aura.



GUYITO WILD HUNT

REWARDS

The wild chase is on for Inquirer's Guyito!

Look for the specially-marked Guyito coupon in the pages of Inquirer. Cut out, put your name, address and signature. Drop at designated drop boxes for a shot at your most wanted rewards!

Join the fun as Inquirer celebrates 19 exciting years of giving Filipinos no less than balanced news and fearless views.

Hunt from September 27 to December 14, 2004!

See posters and print ads for more details.

Per DTI Permit No. 2147, Series of 2004.

making great things possible Globe
BlackBerry.
digital exchange
INQUIRER

All products are available at Digital Exchange Glorietta 3

Crazy chocolate cravings

From page C1

This may explain why so many people crave chocolate or sweets like ice cream and cake.

I have PMS and I'm all out of chocolate!

Pelchat says it is a well-documented fact that certain phases of the menstrual cycle are associated with cravings. Scientists are not sure if hormones are to blame, but it has been observed that women crave sweet (particularly chocolates) or salty food three days before and three days after menstruation.

Cravings can also happen any time during pregnancy as many pregnant women know. No one knows if the cravings are psychological or physiological in nature.

There's nothing wrong with me that a little chocolate won't cure.

The "serotonin hypothesis" seeks to explain why women crave chocolates before and after menstruation. Proponents of the theory say women are depressed due to low levels of a brain chemical called serotonin. They claim that chocolate and other sugary carbohydrates are natural anti-depressants because foods high in carbohydrates contain tryptophan, a substance that makes serotonin levels rise.

However, Pelchat says the hypothesis doesn't explain why women prefer chocolate to other carbohydrate foods like bread or pasta. She says maybe women just like chocolate for its taste, aroma and texture.

Forget love! I'd rather fall in chocolate!

Aside from tryptophan, there are other chemicals in chocolate that make you feel better. Theobromine and methylxanthine, cousins to caffeine, give you a mild perking effect.

Chocolate also contains a brain chemical called phenylethyamine that can quicken the pulse and raise blood sugar levels, producing a giddy state of wellbeing that some people have compared to the feeling of falling in love.

Some things in life are better rich—coffee, chocolate and men.

Aside from feel-good chemicals, chocolate also has things that are good for your health (though this is no excuse to eat a box of chocolates).

Like red wine, apples and black tea, chocolate contains flavonols that increase good cholesterol, prevent bad cholesterol from clogging up arteries, and make the blood less likely to clot. It also contains nitric oxide, a compound associated with healthy blood flow and normal blood pressure.

Rich dark chocolate is healthiest because it has the most amount of flavonols. Pure cocoa powder and cocoa *tableas* are examples.

Milk chocolate, chocolate syrups and instant chocolate powder have far less flavonols because the manufacturing process destroys most of them.

White chocolate has no healthy flavonols since it only contains cocoa butter and milk solids.

* * *

The UP College of Human Kinetics will hold its 3rd CHK Science Congress, "Setting the Bar for Human Movement Professions in the Philippines: Issues and Directions," Oct. 25-27, Nismed-STTC Auditorium, UP Diliman Campus. Call 9296033.

"In Fitness & In Health" has a new time slot, 8-8:30 a.m., Mondays to Fridays, Studio 23

Visit www.tinajuanfitness.info

Wellness tour

INSCRIBE Tours' Beauty Tour on Nov. 13 will bring participants to Ville Sommet, a new property in Tagaytay.

For the wellness session, one of the tour activities, participants will learn about traditional Oriental healing, tai chi and *shibashi* from an expert.

After the wellness session, a healthful lunch follows at Ville Sommet's Seasons. Then participants will transfer to Nurture Spa for a spa treatment, the highlight of the tour. Participants can choose from foot reflexology, hand and foot spa, facial and tranquility body massage.

Also included in the itinerary is a visit to Ilog Maria Honeybee Farm where they will be briefed on the health benefits of honey, pollen and other bee products and shop for natural soaps, bath and skin-care items from honey and essential oils and other honey byproducts. Call 8405912 and 5758370 or text 0919-8184697.

Korean government recognizes shamans

Part II

INNER AWARENESS

Jaime T. Licauco

THE ASIAN Traditional Arts Festival in Seoul, Korea, Oct. 7-10, to which the Philippines was invited, was a major cultural event supported by several government agencies such as the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. A large portion of the funding came from the Prime Minister's Commission on Lottery, the Korean equivalent of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor).

The colorful event was held in the centuries-old traditional Namsan-Gol Han-ok Village in the midst of the modern city with towering skyscrapers.

The Asian Traditional Arts Festival 2004 brought together the shamanic practices and traditions of India, China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Indonesia, Russia and the United States via spectacular public performances. The Philippines was represented via a paper I read about our country's shamanistic practices since ancient times and how these differed from the west.

Unable to make it

We originally intended to bring the fire-walkers of Alfonso, Cavite, but the group ran into economic and technical problems. In the end, it was decided I will just present a scholarly lecture on Philippine shamanism.

The task fell on me at the last moment. I had to pay for my own plane fare, although I was representing the country at an international festival of traditional arts and culture.

The Korean festival organizers, however, took care of delegates' accommodation and food, and gave small honoraria for the presentations.

The festival's opening ceremony was particularly moving. Shamans or medicine men of participating countries brought soil from their respective lands. On stage, the soils were carefully poured into a big container, blessed and mixed by the Korean shaman host.

After she had mixed all the soils, she gave some to each of the shamans to bring home as a symbol that peoples of the world were one. Each of the shamans prayed for peace, unity and brotherhood of all humankind. They asked the gods, their ancestors and spirit guides for help in achieving this goal.

Traditional religion

Shamanism is one of the traditional religions of Korea, the others being Buddhism and Confucianism. Unlike in other industrialized cultures, Korean shamans are highly respected by the people. Even during these modern times and highly advanced technology, the influence of shamans in Korean society is strong.

I saw one shaman in full shamanic regalia talking on a cell phone (called hand phone or HP in Korea).

I learned the Korean government recognized outstanding craftsmen and shamans. An award called Important Intangible Cultural Property is conferred on the best of them by the government.

One famous woman shaman named Kim Kum-Hwa holds this title. Her public performances include standing barefooted on top of the blades of two razor-sharp swords without getting hurt or wounded while possessed by spirits. She is considered one of Korea's National Treasures. In the Philippines, Jess Verallo, the head of Haring Bakal group in Lipa, for example, who can have his bare body hacked over 50 times with a sharp bolo or sword without getting wounded, is more likely to be considered a National Shame than a National Treasure by the Philippine government.

Asean forum

During the festival, I proposed to the delegates from Indonesia the holding of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) Forum on Shamanism on a regular basis for the exchange of ideas and to learn from the rich shamanistic practices of each Asean country.

My idea was to start with Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and, perhaps, Malaysia, without closing the door to other Asian, and even non-Asian, countries later on.

The reason for starting with the three or four countries is the obvious similarity or commonality in our shamanic or esoteric cultures implying a deep common ancestral root.

Although ASEAN countries differ in their religion (Indonesia and Malaysia are predominantly Muslim, Thailand Buddhist and the Philippines Christian), the shamanic or esoteric cultures of these countries have obvious similarities. There is much, therefore, to learn from each other, especially in the healing or treating of diseases.

Both the Indonesian delegates and myself agreed that we should see if Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore were interested in joining us. We plan to hold a conference or symposium on Shamanic Healing as practiced in these countries. If the response to the initiative is positive, then we can begin to plan our next move in establishing an Asean Forum initially on Shamanic Healing.

We also agreed we should try to get funding for this purpose from private sources and not from governments to free the initiative from political considerations and interruptions that happen to such activities every time a new election is held or a new government formed.

Returning from the highly impressive Asian Traditional Arts Festival in Seoul, Korea, where indigenous shamanic traditions of Korea and other Asian countries were featured and duly given recognition and importance, I began to wonder whether a similar event will ever be sponsored or supported by our Philippine government.

E-mail reactions to this column to jlicauco@edsamail.com.ph

Kim Kum-Hwa, who can stand barefoot on top of two razor-sharp blades, is considered one of her country's National Treasures

UNIQUE COMBIPHASIC PILL CLEARS FACIAL ACNE

It is a common belief that only adolescents suffer from acne. This is not true. According to a study, those between ages 25 and 58, about 54% of women suffered some form of acne and the prevalence did not decrease substantially until after age 44. Cure for acne has centered on either non-prescription treatments like cleansers or astringents and prescription medications such as antibiotics and retinoids in oral or topical form. Although these preparations have proven effective, there are cases of acne wherein some patients will develop resistance or will totally do not respond to these therapies. Hormonal Therapy thus becomes the remaining option. Hormone Therapy for acne includes antiandrogens or oral contraceptives.

Since acne is basically a manifestation of increased levels of androgens (major hormone in males but normally present in small amounts in women), a balance has to be achieved between the estrogens and the androgenic effects of the progestogens in combined oral contraceptives or low dose pills. A new Pill, the only combiphasic Pill available locally which contains both estrogen (ethinylestradiol) and the progestogen (desogestrel) has been proven to be an effective treatment for mild to moderate acne. A study by Vartiainen, et al. in 2001 showed that this unique combiphasic pill reduced the number and severity of acne lesions over 6 cycles. The combiphasic Pill provides 2 different doses of the hormones in one cycle which closely resembles a woman's normal menstrual cycle and thus is able to establish or maintain the normal monthly bleeding pattern.

The combiphasic pill offers another non-contraceptive health benefit. Now, women can look forward to both having clear skin and avoiding an unplanned pregnancy!

For questions, please consult your doctor or email: gracial@organon.ph Or text to 0917-8523350
Or send your letters to: ORGANON PHILS., INC.
5th Flr., Feliza Bldg., #108 VA Rufino St., Legaspi Village, Makati City 1260 Tel.# 02-8177638 loc. 14 & 20 Fax # 02-8177471

Skin station boasts of high-end machine treatments

DIAMOND Peel, the latest non-surgical age eraser

GODIVA Skin Station, the first in what is going to be a chain of face and body care stations in the country, has opened at SM Fairview.

The station has high-end machine treatments like the Diamond Peel, the latest non-surgical age eraser.

Also available is the micro current machine for non-surgical facelift, necklift and bustlift in a matter of minutes. Micro current is applied with Godiva Firming Cream to exercise and tone facial muscles.

With the station, Godiva enhances the effects of its whitening products that use Licorice extract. The station provides Licorice Whitening Facial using Licorice cream, Vitamin C serum and a specially formulated whitening mask. The 90-minute treatment includes extraction, laser application and facial massage to minimize fine lines and even out skin tone.

Other services offered by the station include Swedish massage and lymphatic drainage. It also offers the Gentleman's Executive Facial to address the specific skin care needs of men. The treatment includes deep pore cleansing and softening with European facial massage.

For ultimate body pampering, Godiva also offers a combination of Swedish, Shiatsu and Thai massage using aromatic essential oils exclusively made for the station.

Godiva Skin Station is at SM Fairview-Annex, Upper Ground Level, tel. 9391105. A satellite outlet at the Oppen Building, Makati City is also accepting clients now. Call 8909845 or 0918-9070646.

ASHAMED OF YOUR DARK UNDER-ARMS?
[illegible]
ALSO AVAILABLE
[illegible]
CALL ME NOW - JULIA
T (02) 3744201
T (02) 4118319
[illegible]
09177907525
[illegible]

Shark power for teen tennis champ

PROFESSIONAL tennis' new star, Maria Sharapova, fights her championship battles with Prince's newest racquet.

The reigning Wimbledon women's champion has joined Team Prince and leads in the launch of the Prince Shark, designed for players who want a bit more pop in their game without sacrificing control.

Sharapova, who has used Prince racquets for over a decade, describes her new racquet as "solid, quiet, powerful and deadly."

Sharapova, who helped the Shark development team, uses the Turbo Shark MP, which boasts of a power level of 925, a headsize of 100 square inches, and a cross section of 26 mm for the head and 22 mm for the shaft. It weighs only 10.6 oz/300 g unstrung, and creates an even balance of 13 in/33 cm. It is designed for today's two-handers with a patented 8-inch Cushion Grip Handle System.

The Turbo Shark MP and OS boast of Prince's patented technologies such as Sweet Spot Expansion System, Twin Morph Taper Beam and Graphite Extreme. It also has the Dynamic Braided Technology feature.

The Prince Shark received recently the Editors' Choice Award in the September 2004 issue of Tennis Magazine. Both the Mid-plus and Oversize versions of the Prince Shark racquet were found to have "superior feel and control."

Prince Shark racquets, exclusively distributed by Sports Resources Inc., are available at Toby's Sports.

The Toby's "Form and Fitness" sale has been extended until Oct. 31. Customers can avail of 3, 6, 9 or 12-month installment plan at absolutely 0 percent interest.

Use your Citibank, BPI, HSBC or Equitable credit card for a minimum purchase of P4,000. Call Toby's Sports at 6424414 or check out their website at www.tobys.com.

MARIA Sharapova and her Shark

Pinoy theme wins art contest's top prize

CRISTIANA Jade "CJ" de Silva got the top prize in the recent Chuck-Up-Your-Converse competition.

"Proud to be Pinoy" was her entry in the competition that involved jazzing up Converse's Chuck Taylor All Stars sneakers.

Judges in the event were eventologist Tim Yap, model Rissa Mananquil-Samson and artist Jose Santos III.

The artist says she wears Chuck Taylors herself and owns five pairs.

Rx MEDICard Take Charge Doc!

Dr. Nicky S. Montoya

Take Charge Doc! is your weekly question and answer guide on general health issues and illnesses. MEDICard's Medical Director, Dr. Nicky Montoya answers questions on health through the assistance and expertise of MEDICard's network of accredited specialists. And in a common thrust with the campaigns of the government, Take Charge Doc! parallels its features on the Calendar of Health Events of the Department of Health.

Is breastfeeding of infants really essential? How do infant formulas fair against mother's milk?

Yes, breastfeeding of infants is essential. It is considered most ideal for infant nutrition at least during the first six months but may be continued even up to the 24th month. Whenever possible, breastfeeding must be encouraged for several reasons: 1) human breast milk supplies the necessary nutrients including proteins of the highest biological value (quality), long-chain unsaturated fatty acids, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals that are rapidly digested and efficiently absorbed; 2) the human milk contains antibacterial and antiviral properties which inhibit the growth and destroy microorganisms that cause respiratory, gastrointestinal and other infections; 3) it is hypoallergenic; 4) it is free, safe, always fresh, and readily available at the right temperature; and 5) the act of breastfeeding nurtures an opportunity for bonding between the mother and the baby.

Although breast milk is the unparalleled source of nutrients for normal infants, there are instances when breastfeeding is impossible. In such cases, it is desirable to give a formula with a composition as close to human breast milk as possible. The available commercial infant formulas are cow's milk base that have been modified to improve their safety and quality.

We rely on the expert advice of **Dr. Julieta V. Dizon** for this week's feature question on the importance of breastfeeding your baby. Our resource person specializes in the field Pediatrics and has over 15 years of clinical experience. She is a Medicine graduate of Manila Central University and in 1984 finished her residency training for Pediatrics at the school's hospital, MCU-Dr. Filemon D. Tanchoco Medical Foundation (MCU-FDTMF). Dr. Dizon is a Fellow to the Philippine Pediatric Society, a Fellow and President of the Philippine Academic Society for Microbiology and Parasitology and a Life member of the Philippine Medical Association. Members may visit her for their consultation needs at MCU-FDTMF, Room 14 every Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 PM and on Saturdays from 1 to 4 in the afternoon.

BE HEARD AND BE READ. Write to DR. NICKY S. MONTOYA (c/o *TAKE CHARGE DOC!*) or e-mail him at inquiry@medicardphils.com for inquiries on health matters.

MEDICard is the first HMO in the Philippines and the whole Asia Pacific Region to be ISO CERTIFIED

MEDICard PHILIPPINES, INC.: 9/F Sagittarius Bldg., H.V. dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City 1227 TRUNKLINE: 867-2020 FAX NO.: 894-5720; 810-3856 TEXT: Key in MEDICARD and send to 2344 (Globe and Touch Mobile) or to 4627 (Smart and Talk N' Text) INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY SALES: 818-2161 CORPORATE SALES: 848-6452; 848-5456, 848-6451 E-MAIL: inquiry@medicardphils.com, feedback@medicardphils.com WEBSITE: www.medicardphils.com

ELEGANT Minerva Tanseco with Spanish Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz (right) and Madame Aurora Lapuz (left)

VICKY Cadungog with Tessie Amparo, Cynthia Villar, Nonie Basilio and Nini Layug

AMBASSADOR of the United Kingdom Paul and Carolyn Dimond

SOCIALITE Mellie, with her new let-it-hang-out hairdo, and Louie Ablaza, Ambassador of Chile Jorge M. and his gorgeous wife Johnna Montero. (Standing) Czarina Syquia, Cha Cha Camacho and CCP president Alice Briones

IRENE Martel Francisco, Warner Manning, Meldy Cojuangco and Alice Briones, CWC major sponsors, give donations for street children to Rev. Fr. Rocky Evangelista, president and CEO of the Tuloy Don Bosco Street Children's Village

OLGA Severino Martel and Deborah Landey, resident representative of UNDP

Going down memory lane to help build a chapel

WOMEN who care for the less privileged. CWC Special Event Committee members Nonie Basilio, Cha Cha Camacho, co-chair Irene Martel Francisco, CWC president Alice Briones, and Carla Santos listen as the Special Event chair, patroness of the less fortunate, Meldy Cojuangco, welcomes invitees.

HOTSHOT singers of the fund-raiser: Jorge Hizon, Teenee Chan, Audie Gemora, Joji Tan, Juan Miguel Ongsiako, Myrna Borromeo and Robert Arevalo

THE CHOSEN FIVE. Manille's Five Loveliest 2005—(front) Diana Carla Sison, Diana Darlene How and Pamela Bianca Manalo; (back) Finina Marie Tugade and Kathleen Shara Mae Que

THE FASHIONABLE ladies of the Catholic Women's Club celebrated their 83rd anniversary in the ballroom of the Peninsula Hotel, Makati, with an elegant dinner dance fund-raiser.

The affair was headed by CWC president, workasonic Alice Briones, and the Special Event Committee, chaired by the ultra-glamorous **Meldy Cojuangco**. Co-chairs were Philippine Tatler's **Irene Francisco** and **Cha Cha Camacho, Nonie Basilio, Carla Santos, Tita Rodriguez** and **Carrie Bautista.**

Alice said proceeds from the event would be used "exclusively to help fund the construction of the chapel in Tuloy Don Bosco Street-children's Village in Alabang."

In side the ballroom, the band continuously played "Moonlight Serenade". It was clear the hands of time were turned back to the '50s with hotshot namedroppables **Teenee Chan, Robert Arevalo**, the super-voiced **Audie Gemora, Joji Tan, Jorge Hizon**, business entrepreneur and daddy-to-be **Juan Miguel Ongsiako** and socialite **Myrna Borromeo**. As songs like "The Way You Look Tonight," "Unforgettable," and "Singing in the Rain" were played, there were nostalgic smiles on many of the moneyed faces around as they swayed to the tunes.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by
Alex Van Hagen
on Kodak Max

The ballroom was packed like sardines with more than 300 hot-hot personas like **Tessie Kabigting**, Congresswoman **Cynthia Villar**, *mi amiga* **Bambi Harper**, **Tessie Amparo**, *los simpaticos parejas, ambajador de España*, **Ignacio Sagaz** and *su esposa*, tall southern beauty **Aurora Lapuz**; **Alice Dee**; Ambassador of **Chile Jorge Montero** and his wife, *Señora* **Johanna**; glamorous **Mellie Ablaza** showing off her let-it-hang-out hairdo, with her husband **Louie**; Sen. **Loi Estrada**; beautiful popular couple **Warner Manning** and his wife **Julie** of HSBC, natch!; hard-working society lady **Naty Pappas**; **Criselda Lontok**; **Sabrina Panlilio**; **Tessie Rodrigo**; **Rose Lazaro**; **Marietta Holgren**; **Doris Magsaysay Ho**; Ambassador of Switzerland **Lise Favre**; vivacious southern lady **Lucille Villanueva**; **Naty Golez**; **Sol Lavadia**; adorable **Baby Magsaysay**; and **Asun Zubiri**, plus others like them too hot and wealthy to mention, *palanggas*.

It was so much fun that even *moi* stayed on till past 2 a.m. but not before I watched many of our town's well-known personas giving their all, well, almost all, in support of CWC.

American affair

When I was invited to that businessman's hotel, the swinging Dusit Hotel Nikko, which hosted a get-together for one of its top clients, the United States Embassy, no less, I thought, it was one happening I should go to. After all, I just got a visa that was good for another three years. The least I could do was to be there.

In his most impressive and charmant self, **Chiyuki Fujimoto**, Dusit's magnum general manager, with the hotel's hot directors and movers and shakers, the sales managers, welcomed us, *palanggas*.

With loads of Americans around, beer, scotch and martinis were the order of the night. They flowed freely in the swinging Ciao at Dusit's mezzanine. The yummy, heavy finger food was an excellent fusion of different cuisines from the hotel's popular Thai, Vietnamese and Japanese restaurants.

The party really got rolling when some guests and hotel officers went into a karaoke corner. The frustrated American Idol wannabe contenders belted out their best and some off-key songs.

Hey, don't knock it, dahlings, look how far **William Hung**, the real American Idol, has gone with his "Shebang-Shebang" sexy video clip. Even *moi* couldn't take my eyes off when I see it on MTV.

One real tiddly invitee was discussing with me hotel rates here and abroad. He told me how expensive some resorts in Boracay have become, mentioning one in particular. "Did you stay long in this hotel," I asked. "Oh no," he said, "just long enough to hear their rates." Oops! That's Bora for you, *palanggas*.

Manila's loveliest

Love Foundation celebrates 16 successful years of unwavering support for the good of our fellow humans. True to its commitment, the Love Foundation continuously gives unconditional love and hope to many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters, *palanggas*.

Couple of sleeps ago, the foundation and *moi* (after all I am one of the directors) hosted a fun dinner to meet the proud parents of Manila's Five Loveliest 2005 at the function hall of the Pacific Plaza Tower. Every year we use this gathering as an opportunity to discuss with the parents the vision-mission of the foundation. We also briefed them on what to expect during the gala presentation on Nov. 10 at the grand Rizal Ballroom of Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

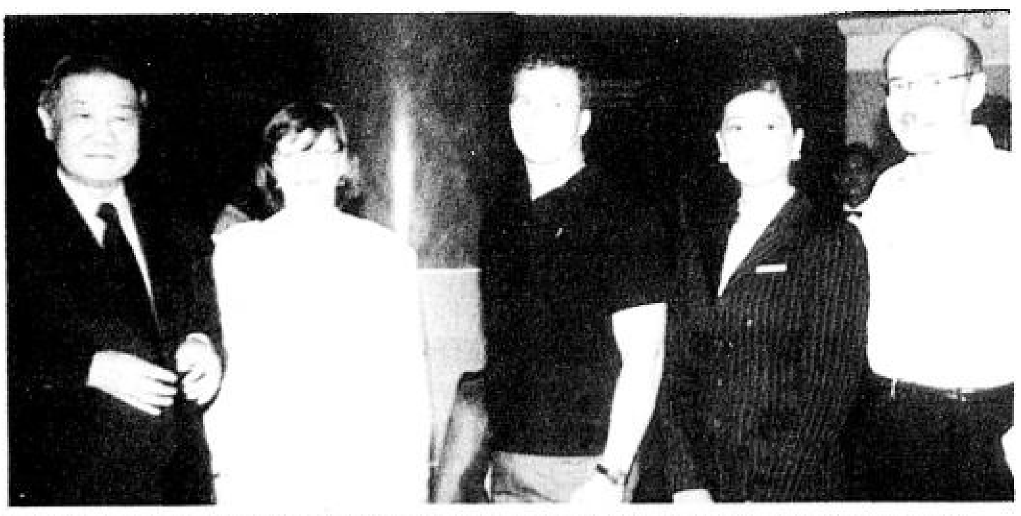
Our search for Manila's Five Loveliest is a major annual fund-raising project to raise funds for the foundation's scholarship program. Every year, *palanggas*, the Love Foundation tries to increase the number of scholars it will help pursue a four-year college education. At present, the foundation is sending 18 deserving students to different universities both public and private.

So there they were, Manila's loveliest, all prettied up and excited that they were chosen.

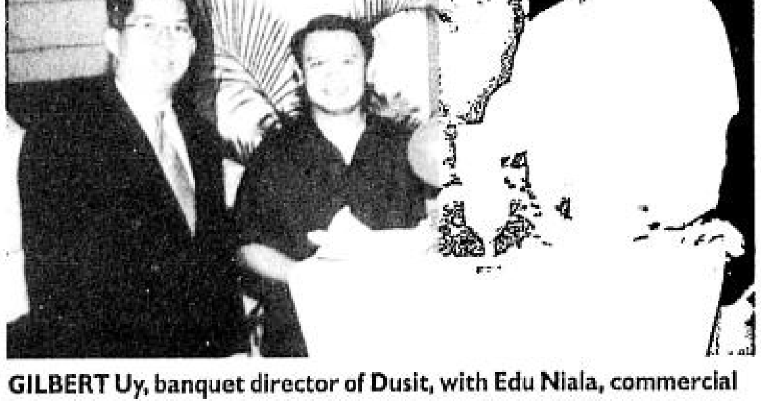
This year's Five Loveliest are **Diana Darlene O. How, Pamela Bianca R. Manalo, Kathleen Shara May L. Que, Diana Carla P. Sison** and **Finina Marie M. Tugade.**

Handsome achiever Tom Valderama, representing hot brands like Smart Infinity/Smart Gold and Sony Ericsson, major sponsors of the glitzy event, was all smiles, natch!

The men and women behind the foundation are the dedicated, persevering, generous officers and directors like Irene Martel Francisco, chair emeritus; chair **Nini Licaros**; **Helen Ong**, president; Cinderella's **Therese Santos**, vice president; **Nini Valdez**, secretary; **Mel Meer**, treasurer; and **Donnie Ramirez**, public relations. Directors are **Becky Garcia**, *moi*, Robinson's **Frederick Go**, Bulgari's **Mario Katigbak**, charity-oriented society women **Joanne Matschuck, Naty Pappas, Yolly Ayson, Celia Cuasay, Mons Tantoco, Bernice Palanca Go, Virma Vergel de Dios** and **Cha Cha Camacho**. Can't wait for that big happening, *palanggas*.



DUSIT Hotel Nikko's popular GM Chiyuki Fujimoto, with Mae Blottner and Eric Greitens; Melotte Mondelo, the hotel's mega director of sales; and Ben Steele



GILBERT Uy, banquet director of Dusit, with Edu Niala, commercial specialist, US-Commercial Department, and David Miller

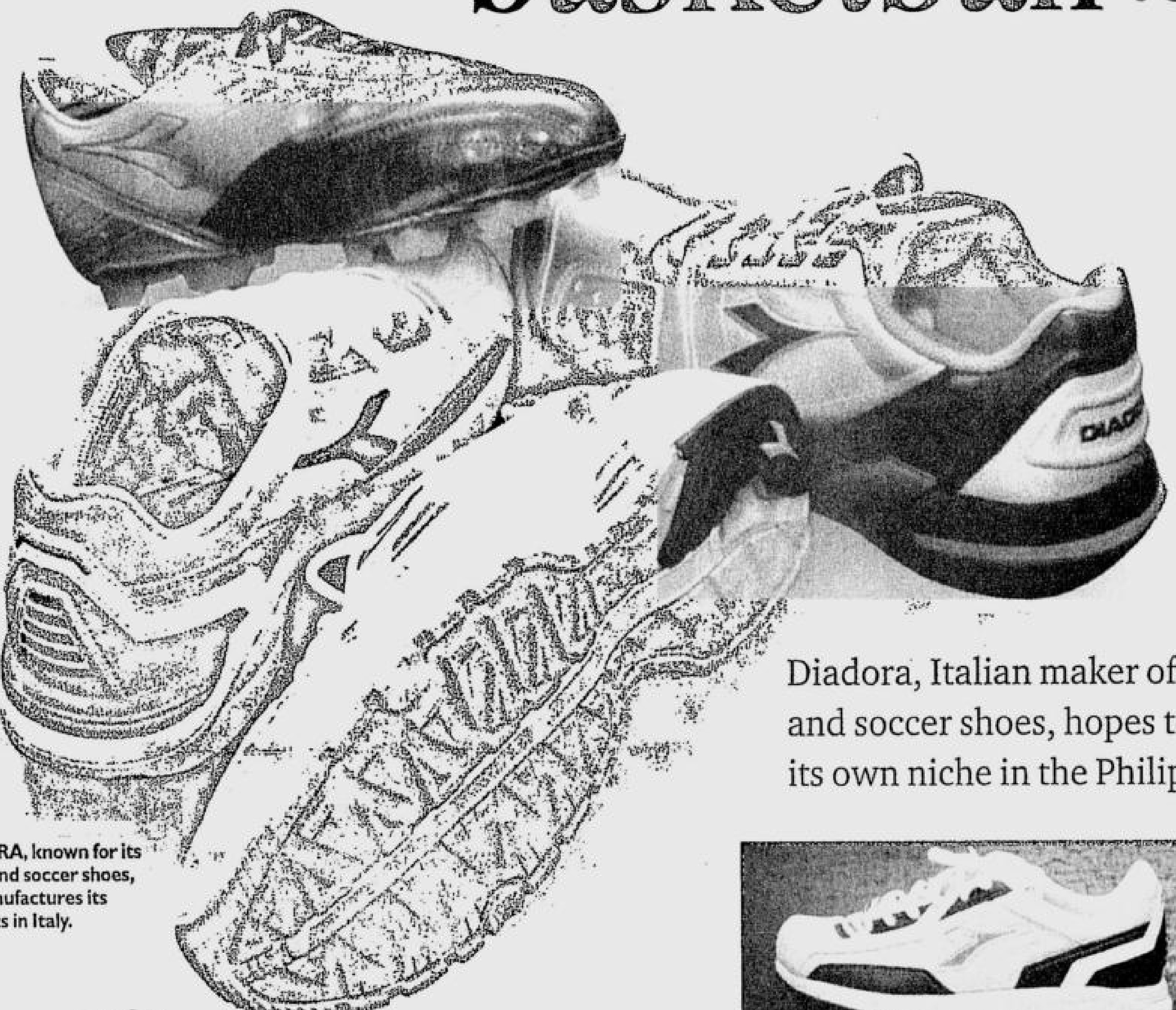
STRIPED halter top, P269.75; cropped navy blue jazz pants, P699.75

FATIGUE and navy blue shorts, P399.75 and P499.75

STRIPED tee, P379.75; skirt, P699.75

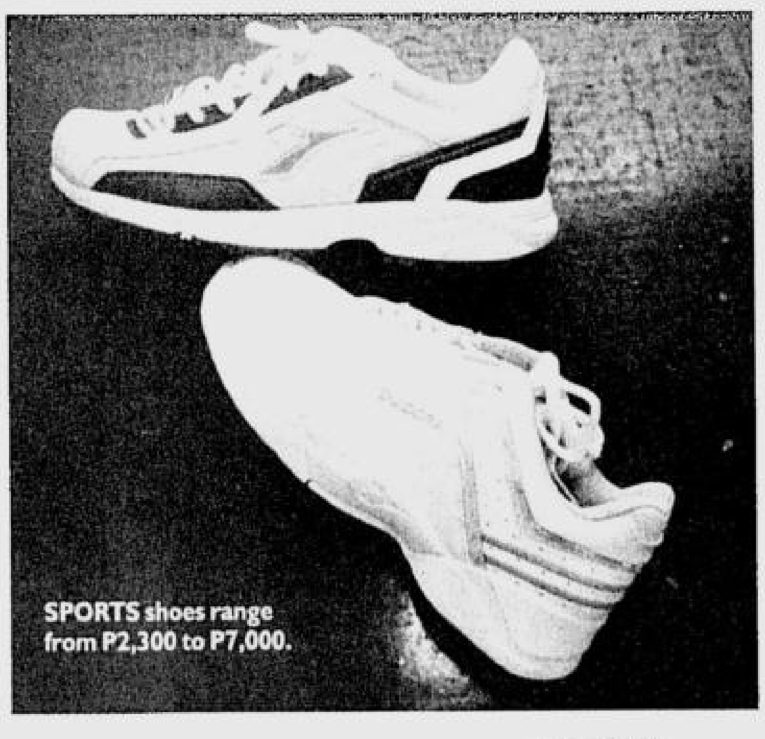
Tennis 'expert' ventures into basketball territory

Diadora, Italian maker of tennis and soccer shoes, hopes to carve its own niche in the Philippines



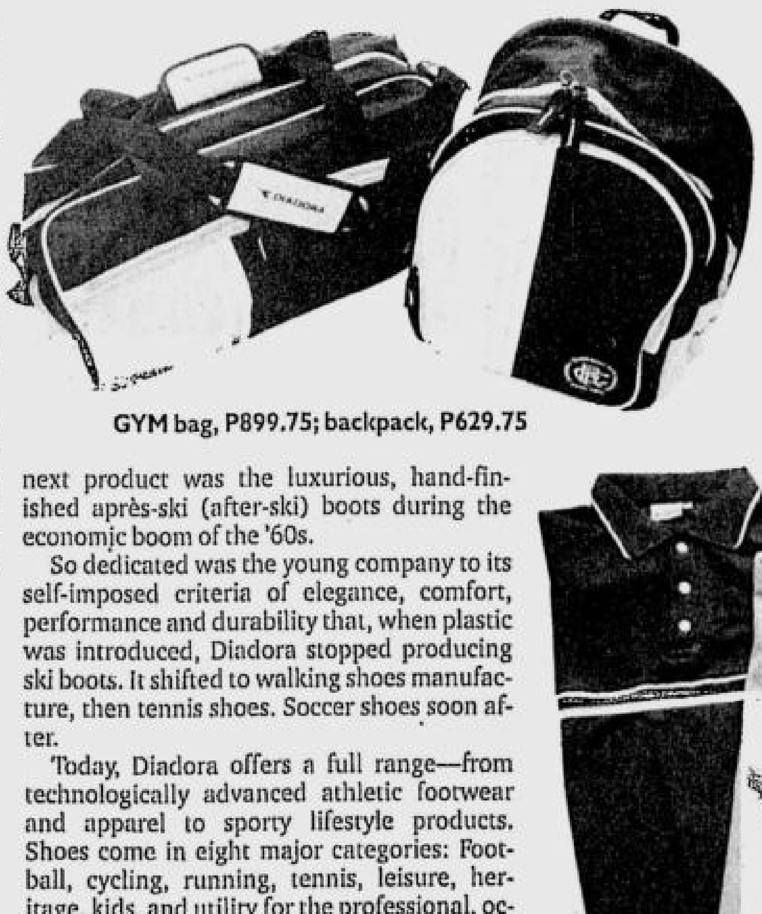
DIADORA, known for its tennis and soccer shoes, still manufactures its products in Italy.

GYM bag that doubles as travel bag

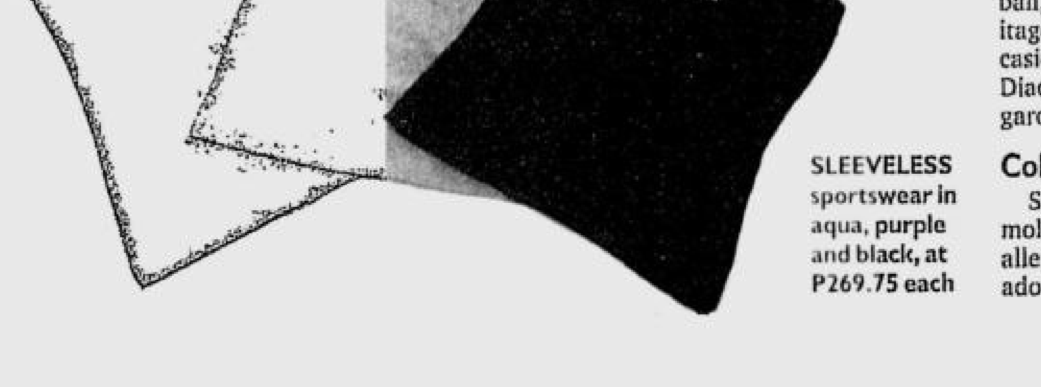


SPORTS shoes range from P2,300 to P7,000.

SLEEVELESS rose pink tee, P329.75; black jogging pants, P529



GYM bag, P899.75; backpack, P629.75



SLEEVELESS sportswear in aqua, purple and black, at P269.75 each

BLUE and slate polo shirts, P599.75 each

Text by Anne A. Jambora
Photos by Betoy Johnson

IT was tennis legend Björn Borg who first made Diadora a household name when, at the peak of his career, he brandished on court what would become a familiar logo in many parts of the world.

Borg, who won a total of 141 grand slam matches during his career, was the Italian sports brand's first endorser. Today, Diadora's drumbeater is the 2004 French Open champ, Argentinean Gaston Gaudio.

"I think, in any brand, you must go for your own niche. Diadora has always had a niche in tennis and soccer," says Alfred S.H. Toh, Diadora director and general manager of the brand distributor, Teamlink Marketing Pte. Ltd.-Singapore.

Most affordable

Diadora, says Toh, is one of the few Italian sport brands that still makes most of its products in its home country. And, at a price 20 percent less than the leading brand, Diadora is one of the most affordable authentic Italian sport labels in the country.

The brand that has yet to be a household name here, was conceived in 1948 by Marcello Danieli, who started by manufacturing an all-important army supply: Mountain climbing boots. After spending the next decade building the brand's reputation, Diadora's next product was the luxurious, hand-finished après-ski (after-ski) boots during the economic boom of the '60s.

So dedicated was the young company to its self-imposed criteria of elegance, comfort, performance and durability that, when plastic was introduced, Diadora stopped producing ski boots. It shifted to walking shoes manufacture, then tennis shoes. Soccer shoes soon after.

Today, Diadora offers a full range—from technologically advanced athletic footwear and apparel to sporty lifestyle products. Shoes come in eight major categories: Football, cycling, running, tennis, leisure, heritage, kids, and utility for the professional, occasional player and everyday casual wearers. Diadora's soccer shoes are made of soft, kangaroo skin so they don't need breaking in.

Color-coded apparel

Serious athletes or gym rats can try their mold- and moth-resistant, antibacterial, nonallergenic and nonodorous sportswear. Diadora also has a chromotherapy line, based on the belief that colors can affect an athlete's psyche and overall performance.

Toh says 10 years ago sports technology became an in thing for many manufacturers and their clients. "Every brand will come out with a new technology, or (a variation) to make (the product) look different or new just to get a niche in the market."

But only 15-20 percent of the market truly cares about technological developments. And that's because not everyone is into serious sports. Hence, every brand has to come up with so-called lifestyle products to fill a void in the market.

The Filipinos' desire to look good despite dire times and dwindling savings accounts prompted Diadora to bring in more lifestyle products, 60-70 percent of its local inventory.

In Singapore, on the other hand, about 80 percent of sales involve more "serious" athletic wear.

Cultural

The two countries' differing tastes, says Toh, is a matter of culture and not because more Singaporeans are into sports.

"If you want to launch a product in the Philippine market you must have the full range not because you think it will sell, but because you must have [something to] complement each product," Toh says.

Toh hopes that, by next year, Filipinos will become more familiar with the brand in time for the launch of its first freestanding store. The Philippines' reputation as basketball land does not daunt the Italian company.

The local tennis market may not be as big, says Toh, but there lies the brand's strength: "With our expertise I'm sure we can get our market (and would not have to) go into something (where) we are not strong," he says.

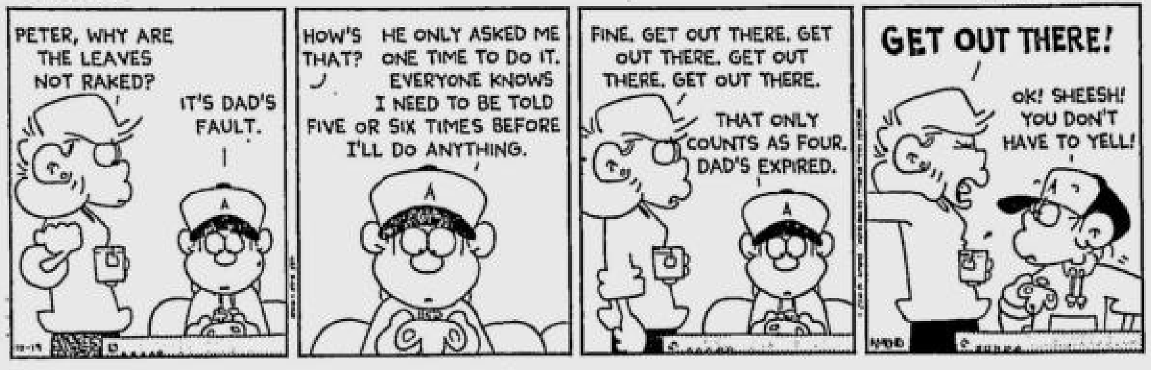
And soccer? Well, that is a whole new ball game but Toh is optimistic Diadora can get a foothold through college team sponsorships, etc.

Diadora is available at Robinsons Department Store, Olympic Village, Toby's, Chocolate Shop and Anonymous.

E-mail the author at ajambora@inquirer.com.ph

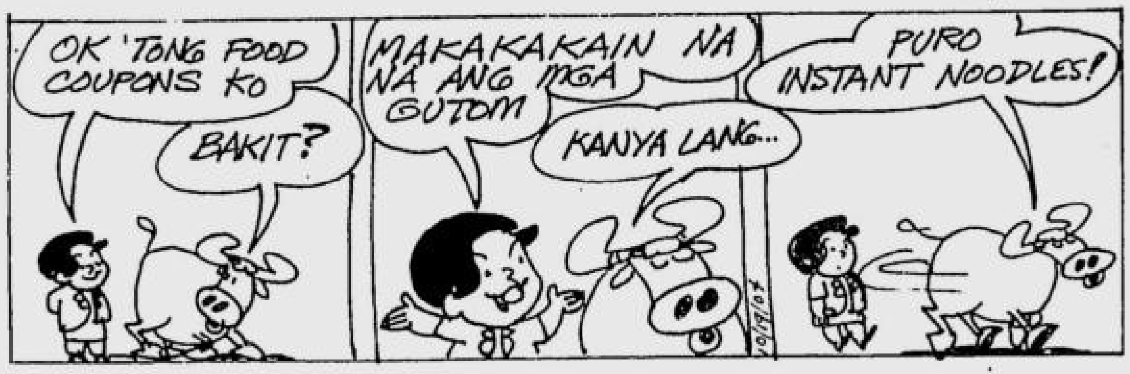
FOXTROT

BY BILL AMEND


PETER, WHY ARE THE LEAVES NOT RAKED?
IT'S DAD'S FAULT.
HOW'S THAT?
HE ONLY ASKED ME ONE TIME TO DO IT. EVERYONE KNOWS I NEED TO BE TOLD FIVE OR SIX TIMES BEFORE I'LL DO ANYTHING.
FINE. GET OUT THERE. GET OUT THERE. GET OUT THERE. GET OUT THERE.
THAT ONLY COUNTS AS FOUR. DAD'S EXPIRED.
GET OUT THERE!
OK! SHEESH! YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL!
10-19

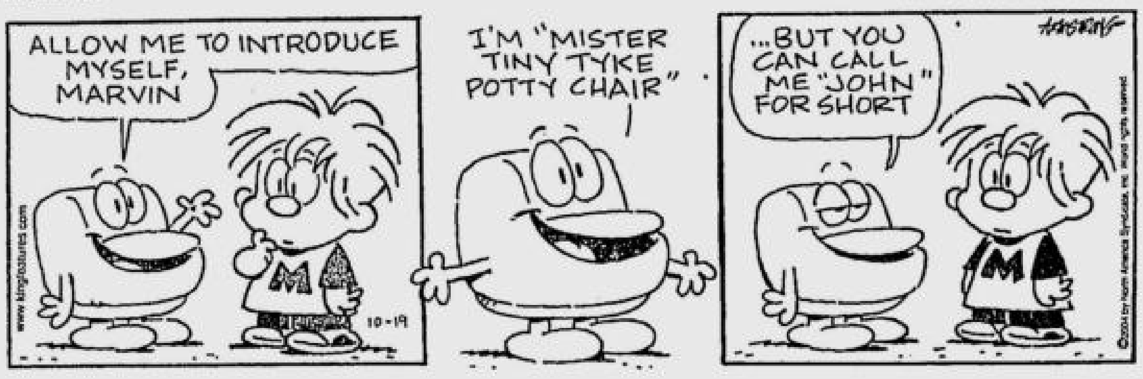
A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA


OK 'TONG FOOD COUPONS KO
BAKIT?
MAKAKAKAIN NA NA ANG MGA GUTOM
KANYA LANG...
PURO INSTANT NOODLES!

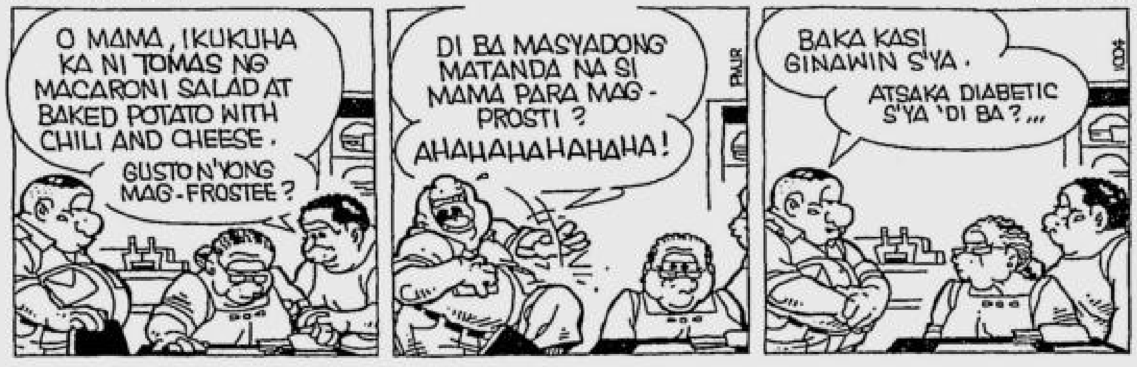
MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG


ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, MARVIN
I'M "MISTER TINY TYKE POTTY CHAIR"
...BUT YOU CAN CALL ME "JOHN" FOR SHORT
10-19
www.kingfeatures.com

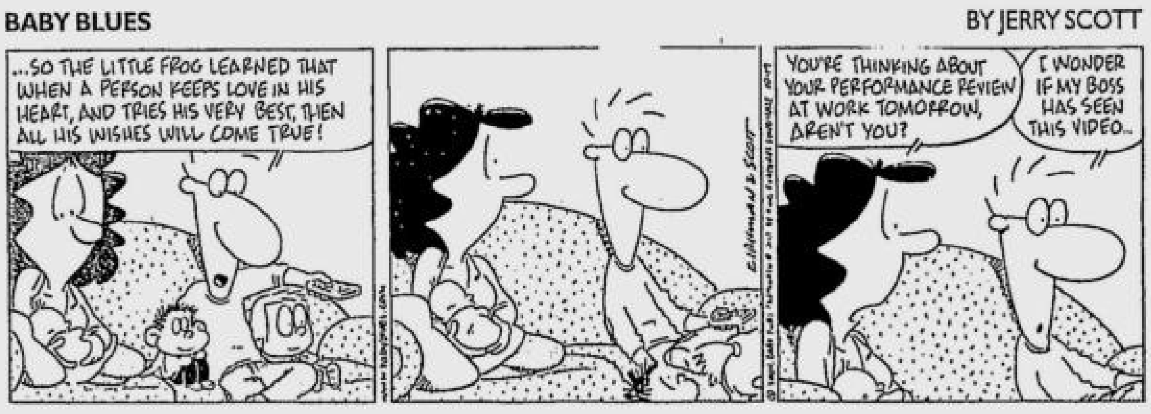
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


O MAMA, IKUKUHA KA NI TOMAS NG MACARONI SALAD AT BAKED POTATO WITH CHILI AND CHEESE.
GUSTO N'YONG MAG-FROSTEE?
DI BA MASYADONG MATANDA NA SI MAMA PARA MAG-PROSTI?
AHAHAHAHAHAHA!
BAKA KASI GINAWIN S'YA.
ATSAKA DIABETIC S'YA 'DI BA?...

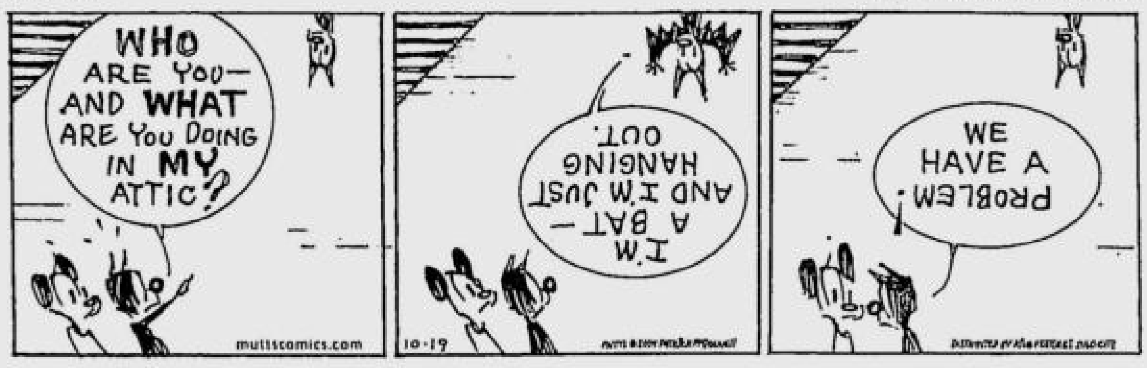
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


...SO THE LITTLE FROG LEARNED THAT WHEN A PERSON KEEPS LOVE IN HIS HEART, AND TRIES HIS VERY BEST, THEN ALL HIS WISHES WILL COME TRUE!
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT YOUR PERFORMANCE REVIEW AT WORK TOMORROW, AREN'T YOU?
I WONDER IF MY BOSS HAS SEEN THIS VIDEO...

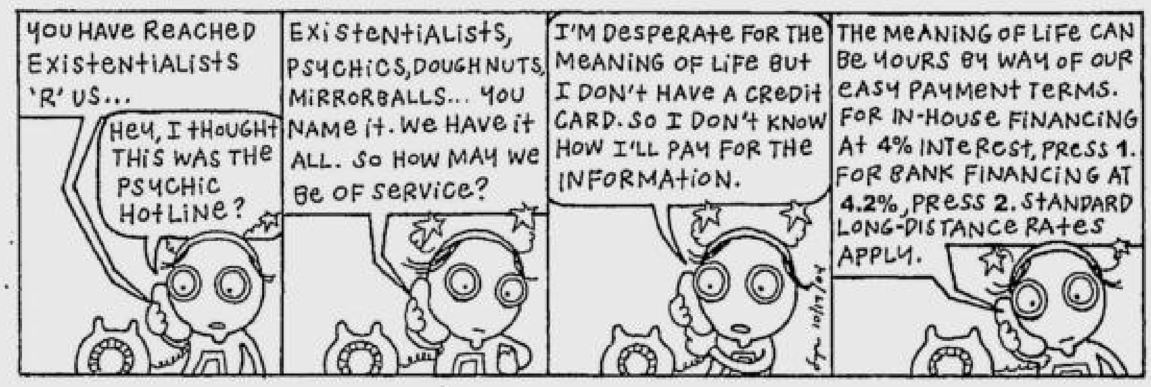
MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


WHO ARE YOU— AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY ATTIC?
I'M A BAT— AND I'M JUST HANGING OUT.
WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
muttscomics.com
10-19

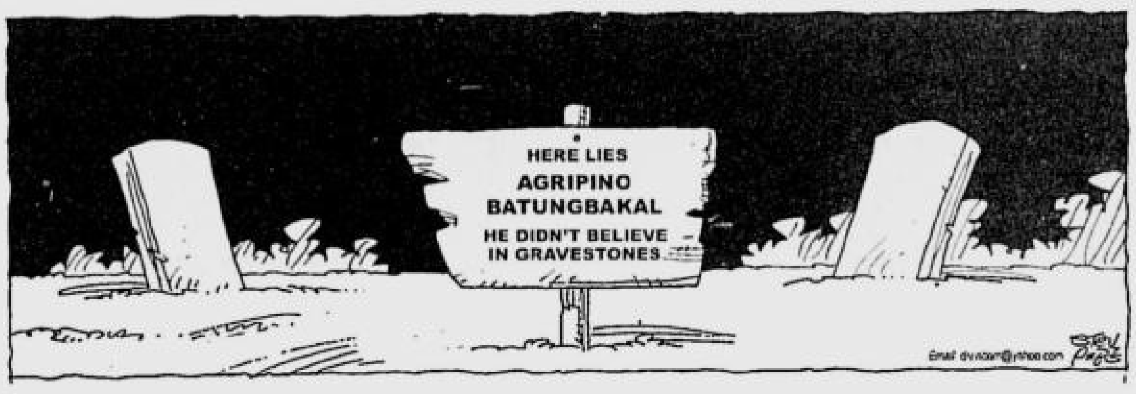
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


YOU HAVE REACHED EXISTENTIALISTS 'R' US...
HEY, I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE PSYCHIC HOTLINE?
EXISTENTIALISTS, PSYCHICS, DOUGHNUTS, MIRRORBALLS... YOU NAME IT. WE HAVE IT ALL. SO HOW MAY WE BE OF SERVICE?
I'M DESPERATE FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE BUT I DON'T HAVE A CREDIT CARD. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW I'LL PAY FOR THE INFORMATION.
THE MEANING OF LIFE CAN BE YOURS BY WAY OF OUR EASY PAYMENT TERMS. FOR IN-HOUSE FINANCING AT 4% INTEREST, PRESS 1. FOR BANK FINANCING AT 4.2%, PRESS 2. STANDARD LONG-DISTANCE RATES APPLY.

DIVINE COMEDY

BY STEVEN PABALINAS


HERE LIES
AGRIPINO BATUNGBAKAL
HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN GRAVESTONES

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're intelligent, humorous and outspoken. You tell it like it is. Your lively energy electrifies any gathering. You like to reveal hidden truths. (Very little escapes your probing mind.) You value family and friendships. No matter what happens, you always bounce back. Get ready for one of the best years of your life. Enjoy!

Birthdate of: Patricia Ireland, human-rights activist; John Lithgow, actor; Evander Holyfield, boxer.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Others seem to restrict you today. You might feel obligated to partners or friends. You might have to attend a function you'd really rather avoid. (Boring!)

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): This might be a dreary day at work. Why? Because bosses and authority figures are too critical. Cope as best you can!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You feel somewhat weighed down by the responsibilities of children today. Your energy is low, and you feel a bit world-weary.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): You feel trapped in a rut at home with responsibilities. But have you noticed that nothing at all might change, and yet in a day or two you can feel completely different?

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You're inclined to worry too much today. Your glass is half-empty, not half-full. This is just a temporary black cloud drifting over your horizon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Hold on to your purse strings today. If you feel worried about spending money on something, then don't do it. When in doubt, do nothing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Don't worry if you feel cut off or lonely today. That's how a lot of people feel right now. You don't want to work, and you don't want to party. It's an indecisive day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Shrug off feelings of discouragement. These feelings pass in a day. Everyone feels a bit serious and sober today. It's just one of those things.

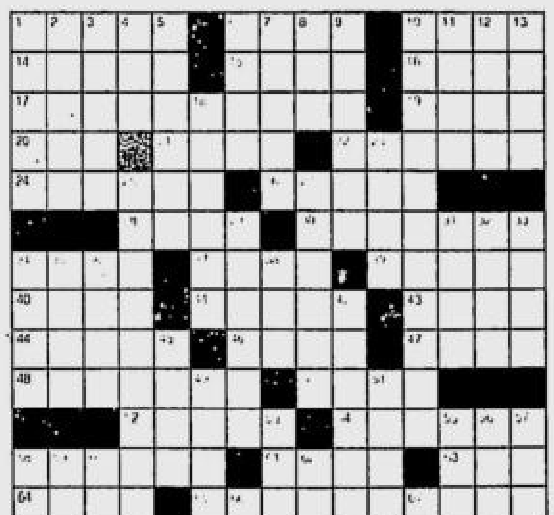
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Activity and optimism are what make you tick. You need to take a positive stand on things. Today this isn't easy. (Don't worry, you'd be surprised by how others feel!)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Relations with authority figures are not especially good today. You feel impatient with restrictions; nevertheless, you're surrounded by duties and obligations. (By Thursday things are better.)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Don't let somebody else convince you how to think or believe. You have a mind of your own. (If there's one sign that doesn't run with the pack, it's Aquarius!)

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You're disappointed with someone's lack of generosity or consideration. You don't agree on how things are shared. Don't worry about getting the short end of the stick. Things will change in 48 hours.

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Eugene R. Puffenberger
Houston, TX

10/19/04

ACROSS
1 Accumulate
6 Look for bargains
10 Tumbled
14 Gymnast Comaneci
15 One-third of a WWII movie?
16 Merle Haggard hit, "__ from Muskogee"
17 Local level
19 Art style of the '20s and '30s
20 Fig. of speech
21 Perch on a bicycle
22 Depress
24 Threw softly
26 Grin
28 Snare
30 Hug
34 Hebrew month
37 Ask for proof of age
39 Book of maps
40 Carolina rail
41 Fall behind
43 Lubricates
44 Fish by dragging a net
46 Atahualpa, e.g.
47 Corduroy feature
48 Verse form
50 In the past
52 Creighton University site
54 Scale notes
58 Detector
61 Pierce
63 Actor Chaney
64 Cons' opposites
65 Horses
68 Pay to play
69 __ podrida
70 __ Semple McPherson
71 PGA pegs
72 Bosc or Anjou
73 Wading bird

DOWN
1 Anxious feeling
2 Singer Lanza
3 Smith and West
4 Female sib
5 One prone to backtalk
6 Ancient Greek portico
7 Owl sounds
8 Food fragment
9 Here and there, in textual annotation
10 Silo
11 Scraped (by)
12 Grown-up nits
13 Uris or Spinks
18 Edit
23 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
25 Foreman's assistants
27 Physician
29 Pastor's flock
31 Inter __ (among others)
32 Phone
33 Caesar's being
34 Wine region of Italy
35 "__ the Explorer"
36 Composer Khachaturian
38 Operated
42 Carriage type
45 VIP's transportation
49 Rolling server
51 Venomous snakes
53 Sanctuaries
55 Oily resin
56 Edible mushroom
57 Map on a map
58 Quarrel
59 Sea eagle
60 Short letter
62 Skiers' ride
66 Pub potable
67 Young louse

Monday's Puzzle Solved

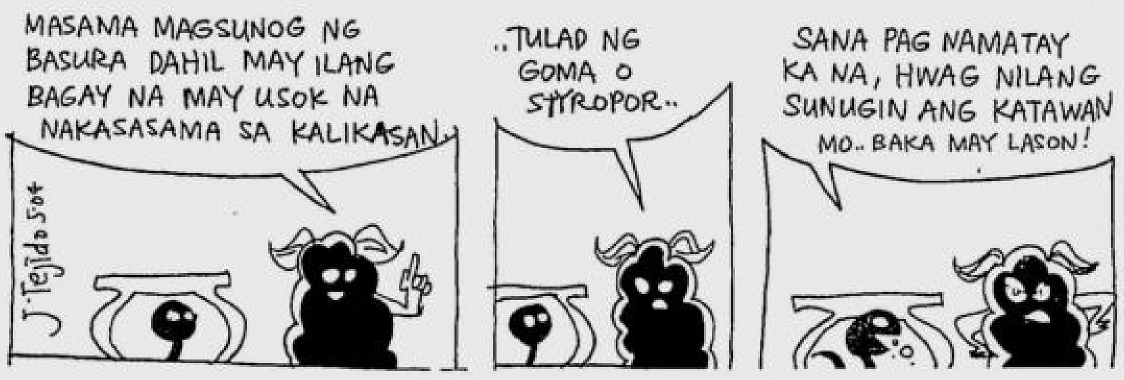
A	N	T	S	■	E	W	A	N	■	A	L	C	O	A
S	O	O	T	■	L	O	G	O	■	C	O	E	D	S
A	N	N	A	■	M	L	I	V	■	H	O	B	O	S
P	O	I	N	T	O	F	N	O	R	E	T	U	R	N
■	■	■	D	O	R	S	■	C	O	N	S	■	■	■
K	A	R	A	T	E	■	G	A	L	E	■	E	M	O
A	G	O	R	A	■	F	O	I	L	■	C	L	O	P
M	I	D	D	L	E	O	F	N	O	W	H	E	R	E
E	L	I	A	■	A	R	E	E	■	H	A	V	E	N
T	E	N	■	B	R	E	R	■	C	A	M	E	L	S
■	■	■	S	E	E	D	■	S	O	L	E	■	■	■
T	H	E	E	N	D	O	F	T	H	E	L	I	N	E
R	A	B	I	D	■	O	R	E	O	■	E	N	O	S
I	N	A	N	E	■	M	A	R	S	■	O	R	R	S
S	A	N	E	R	■	S	T	E	T	■	N	E	N	E

(C)2004 Tribune Media Services Inc
All rights reserved

10/18/04

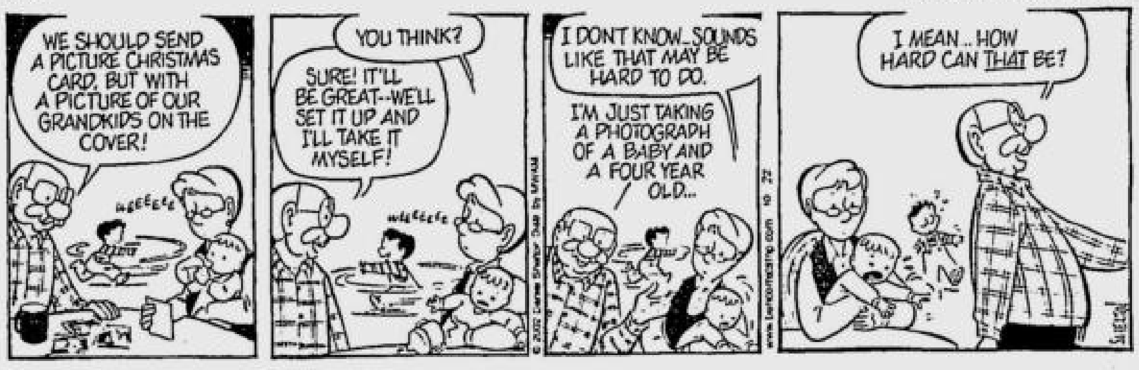
MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


MASAMA MAGSUNOG NG BASURA DAHIL MAY ILANG BAGAY NA MAY USOK NA NAKASASAMA SA KALIKASAN.
..TULAD NG GOMA O STYROPOR..
SANA PAG NAMATAY KA NA, HWAG NILANG SUNUGIN ANG KATAWAN MO.. BAKA MAY LASON!
J Tejido 504

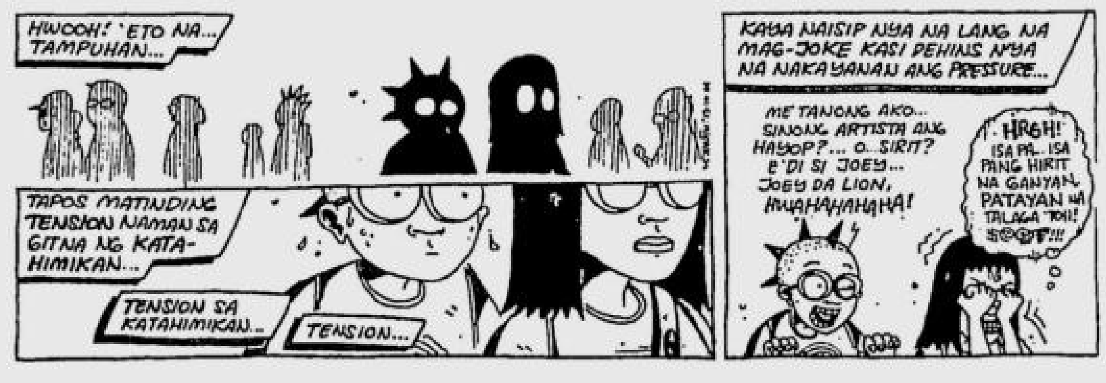
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


WE SHOULD SEND A PICTURE CHRISTMAS CARD, BUT WITH A PICTURE OF OUR GRANDKIDS ON THE COVER!
WEEEEEE
YOU THINK?
SURE! IT'LL BE GREAT--WE'LL SET IT UP AND I'LL TAKE IT MYSELF!
I DON'T KNOW...SOUNDS LIKE THAT MAY BE HARD TO DO.
I'M JUST TAKING A PHOTOGRAPH OF A BABY AND A FOUR YEAR OLD...
I MEAN... HOW HARD CAN THAT BE?

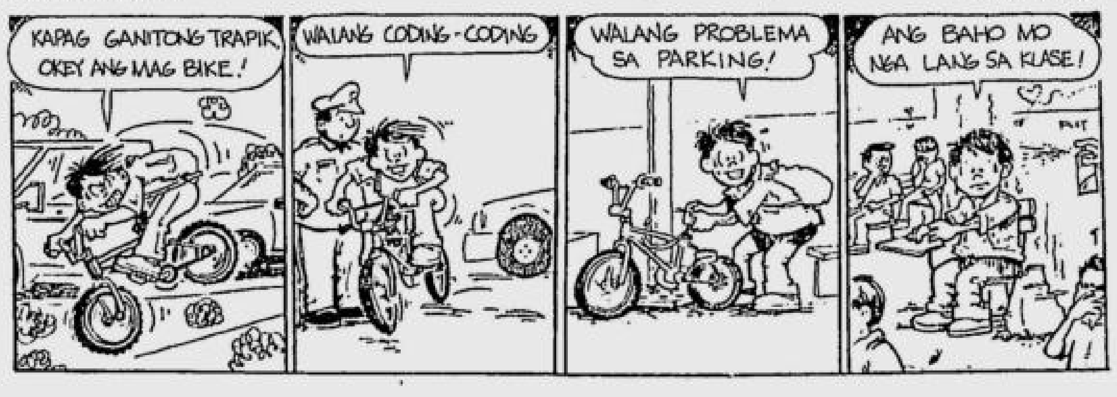
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


HWOOH! 'ETO NA... TAMPUHAN...
TAPOS MATINDING TENSION NAMAN SA GITNA NG KATAHIMIKAN...
TENSION SA KATAHIMIKAN...
TENSION...
KAYA NAISIP NYA NA LANG NA MAG-JOKE KASI DEHINS NYA NA NAKAYANAN ANG PRESSURE...
ME TANONG AKO... SINONG ARTISTA ANG HAYOP?... O..SIRIT? E'DI SI JOEY... JOEY DA LION, HWAHAHAHAHA!
HRGH! ISA PA.. ISA PANG HIRIT NA GANYAN, PATAYAN NA TALAGA 'TO!! SOOT!!!

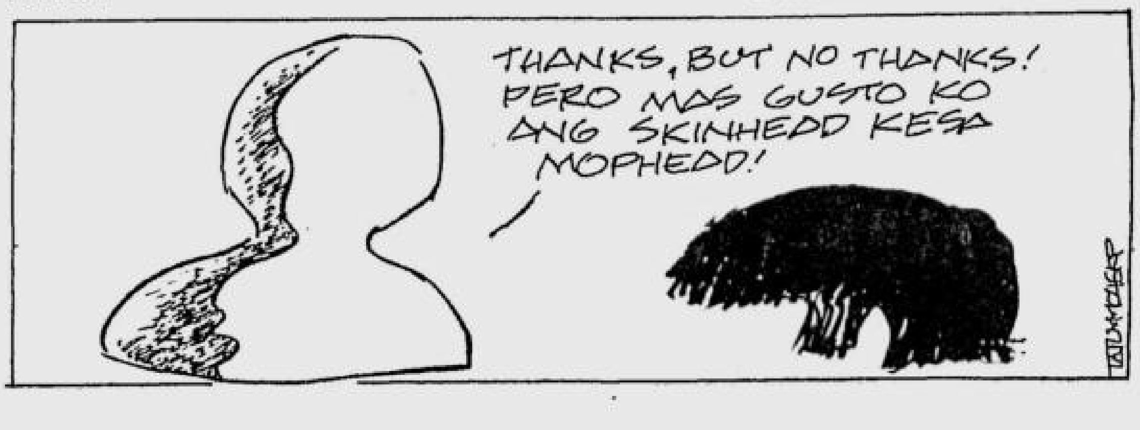
GENG'S GAMES

BY AMIEL RUFO


KAPAG GANITONG TRAPIK, OKEY ANG MAG BIKE!
WALANG CODING-CODING
WALANG PROBLEMA SA PARKING!
ANG BAHO MO NGA LANG SA KLASE!

TULDOK

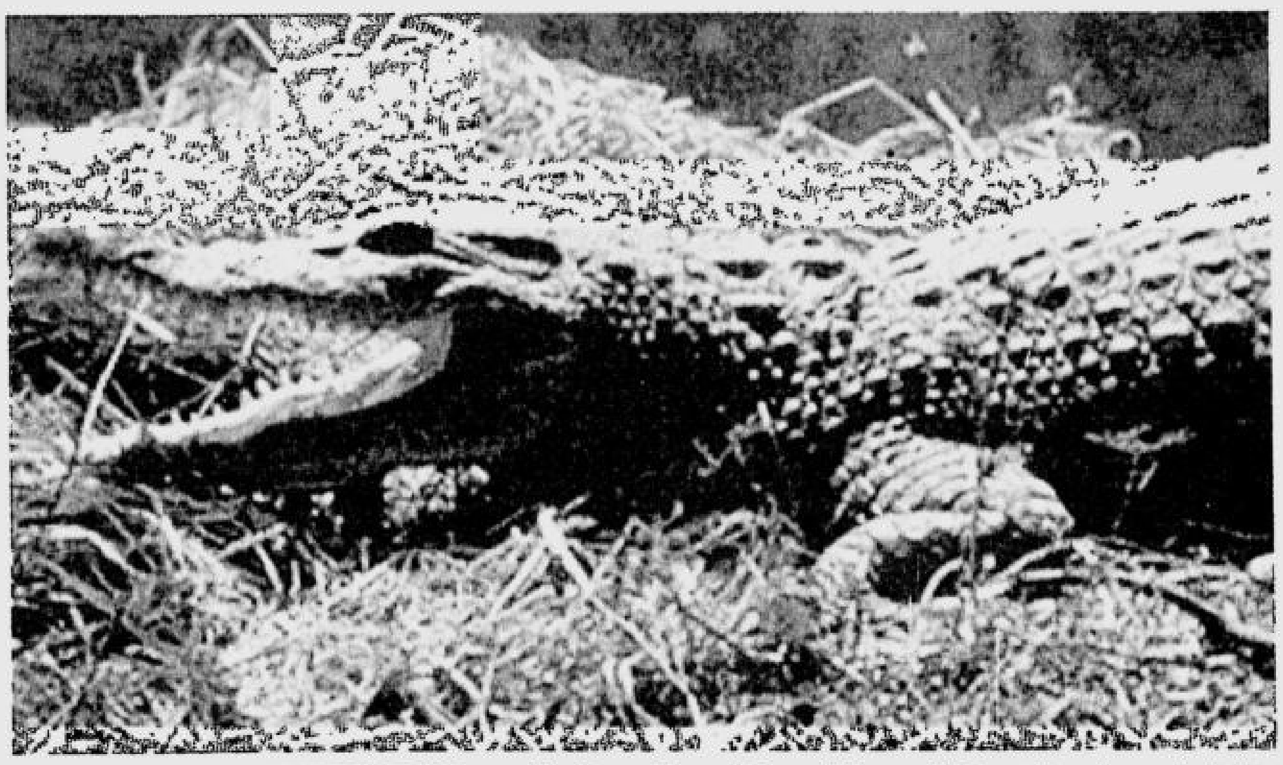
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


THANKS, BUT NO THANKS! PERO MAS GUSTO KO ANG SKINHEAD KESA MOPHEAD!

Conqueror of crocodiles

By Constantino C. Tejero

Dr. Brady Barr goes to Isabela to wrestle with a 'true Filipino' for a National Geographic episode



THE PHILIPPINE crocodile (Crocodylus mindorensis) is a small, shy and harmless animal that does not attack people unless provoked.

BRADY Barr, world-renowned herpetologist popularly known as Dr. B, has an extraordinary passion. His wife in Costa Rica was awaiting the arrival of their firstborn while he was swimming in Disulap River in San Mariano, Isabela, trying to catch crocodiles.

Barr was shooting an episode for the National Geographic Channel's series "Crocodile Chronicles" to be released next year.

Barr is a celebrated expert on crocodiles, alligators, caimans, gavials, and also on snakes, anacondas, boa constrictors, pit vipers. He and his team captured the second-largest Orinoco crocodile caught in the last 25 years, and the longest and heaviest anaconda on record in Venezuela.

Barr was in the country for the first time to study the aquatic reptile, particularly the Philippine crocodile *(Crocodylus mindorensis)*, one of 23 crocodilian species on earth, and one of two species in the country.

Discovered on Mindoro as a new species in 1935, the freshwater crocodile is endemic to the Philippines, generally restricted to inland wetlands. (The other species, the Estuarine crocodile or *Crocodylus porosus*, occurs widely from India to Australia, along coastal areas and in the sea.)

It is harmless, even shy, unless provoked. At a maximum length of 2.5 meters, it burrows in limestone areas and hides in small caves by a lake, marsh or creek.

"The caves are very small that when you meet a croc there, it can't even open its mouth," jokes Dutch wildlife biologist Merlijn van Weerd, who works for the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park Conservation Project. "It is a true Filipino—very small, a bit shy, and extremely friendly."

Most threatened

The crocodile is listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) as critically endangered, the most threatened crocodile species in the world.

After disappearing on Mindoro, it was rediscovered in 1999 in San Mariano, Isabela, declared a sanctuary in 2001.

Van Weerd, a team leader of Mabuwaya Foundation's Crocodile Rehabilitation, Observance and Conservation (CROC), a research project to safeguard the Philippine crocodile in the wild, says the reptile is surviving mainly because of the caves.

DR. Brady Barr says crocodiles are only capable of short, intense bursts of energy, so battling with them must be very brief, as crocodiles can exhaust themselves to death.

"If Filipinos let it slip away, they'll only have themselves to blame," says Barr. "We don't know their number. If it's 50, we're in big trouble."

CROC says, once widely distributed throughout the Philippines, the reptile is now restricted to a few remote areas in Mindanao, Negros and Luzon, with a population believed to be less than 100.

Foreign and local conservationists have joined forces to save the species: Isabela State University and Leiden University (the Netherlands), in cooperation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, local governments and local communities.

Billboards in Ilocano, Filipino and English have been put up, and T-shirts, information flyers and brochures are being distributed. Reforestation of the crocodile's habitats is ongoing.

Breeding in captivity has been successful, and more subpopulations have been discovered in Isabela, particularly in Divilacan and Palanan.

Most dangerous

Van Weerd says the species' growing population could be because of the caves and conservation efforts, or because of indigenous people such as the Kalingas and the Agtas, who link crocodiles to their ancestors and thus, protect them.

The Philippine crocodile is now totally protected under the Wildlife Act of 2001 that provides heavy penalties for violations.

Barr approaches a crocodile without any special gadgets. It's just muscles against muscles, he says, aware that those jaws can bite down at 3,000 lbs per sq in, and the back is covered with a dorsal armor of long bony plates.

"I've seen a lot of bullets lodged in that coat of armor," he says.

"(Crocodiles are) some of the most powerful animals on the planet. They explode in a single intense burst of energy, but only briefly, then they get exhausted. They can exhaust themselves to death... The longer the stress, the bigger the chance they will die."

Back from extinction

In a holding pen in San Mariano, Barr demonstrates how to catch a croc to a crowd that included media people from Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines.

He wades in the puddle, slowly approaches one, tentatively touches its head, then grabs and grapples with it while gripping it by the neck, holding its throat, clenching its body between his thighs as it thrashes about. For its size, the animal's burst of energy is, indeed, incredible.

In the explosive struggle, Barr scrapes his knuckles against the concrete fence, but he wouldn't let go until the creature keeps still. When he turns it on its back, it becomes helpless (as in a turned turtle).

The day marked the capture of his 21st crocodile species. Now his quest is down to two: The Chinese alligator and the fals gareal of Borneo.

The NGC fact sheet says, "Brady Barr stands to become the first person to ever capture all 23 species of crocodilians in the wild."

Laid on the table, the animal is measured and sexed (female). It will soon be released in its natural habitat, with a radio transmitter to monitor the radius of its range, diet, routine. Barr says every fact has to be checked by three experts, and he acknowledges the local scientists' role.

"It's a lot easier to bring a croc back from the brink of extinction," he says, explaining that, when hatching their eggs, the temperature can be controlled to produce a male or a female. Then all one has to do is, of course, produce more females.

"They really are the ultimate survivors," he continues. "They're resistant to diseases. They produce a lot of eggs. They're smart. They've been in the planet for millions of years, they know what to avoid."

Forgiving creatures

Brady finds snakes very, very stressful. "Snakes scare me. You can make big mistakes with a croc, it's very forgiving, but with snakes—it's just too fast! But I like the big snakes, the nonvenomous ones."

A crocodile's body is not as flexible as a snake's and it is not as fast; the reach of its jaws is limited to left and right, while a snake can turn back, rotate or recoil. It doesn't have the snake's venom.

"My family is very, very nervous—but they know it's my passion," Barr says. "I'd be 42 soon, but I feel like 142. My body aches, my knees are so bad... parasites... drugs for tropical diseases... And there are the 13 episodes for NGC every nine months. To keep up with everything—it's killing!"

---

5 tips for diabetics

DIABETES may be a life-threatening disease, but it is not insurmountable. Face up to it and you will realize diabetes is no more a task than living the right lifestyle. Here are five habits to learn to better manage the disease.

1. **Have the right diet and fortify it with Charantia Ampalaya Food Supplement.** A right diet plays a big role in controlling your blood sugar level, which is your first defense against diabetic complications. Watch the amount of fats, carbohydrates and proteins you eat. In general, stick to a low-fat, high-fiber diet to have better blood sugar control.

Charantia is a good add-on to your low-fat, high-fiber diet. In tea or capsule form, Charantia helps control elevated blood sugar levels when taken after every meal.

2. **Have an exercise program.** Exercise helps increase your metabolism and puts you in good shape. Having a regular regimen—about 15-30 minutes per day, three to four times a week—ensures a better chance of controlling your blood sugar level. Exercise can range from aerobics, jogging and gym workouts to simple things such as brisk walking to your office or home or preferring the stairs over the elevator. But before doing exercise, consult your doctor or physical therapist first to avoid any strains.

3. **See your health care team regularly.** Maintain regular communication with your health care team—your diabetes doctor, dietitian, nurse, physical therapist, psychologist, dentist and eye and foot specialists. Ask each of them how often the check-ups should be.

4. **Take care of your feet.** Your feet are especially vulnerable to blisters, cuts or wounds. If left untreated, they may develop into ulcers that can lead to amputation. Check your feet daily for redness, swelling or cracks, and tell your doctor about it. Always wash your feet with lukewarm (not hot) water and let them dry. Apply nonmedicated powder (baby powder) before putting on shoes, sock or stockings. And remember not to walk barefoot. When trimming toenails, soak them first in warm water to soften the nails before cutting straight across.

5. **Reach out.** Living with diabetes may hang heavily on one's shoulders. But with support from family and friends, the problem is less daunting. Reach out to people you trust. They are a good source of company and comfort. Likewise, get in touch with people who also have diabetes. Sharing stories with people with similar needs and experiences exudes a heartening feel.

You can also join a diabetic club if one is available in your town or city. The Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Phils. (Amhop)—the national organization of doctors running the country's public health centers—with support from Herbcare Corp., maker of Charantia, is busy expanding its network of diabetic clubs across the country. Call 8022222.

Respiratory distress may not be just a cold

UPPER respiratory problems characterized by sneezing and itchy, runny and clogged nose may not be just a common cold.

They could mean allergic rhinitis, the swelling or inflammation of the nose or nasal membrane.

The condition is caused by exposure to substances called allergens that cause the body's immune system to release histamine, which can cause allergic rhinitis.

Many Filipinos suffer from allergic rhinitis that may be triggered by pollution, molds and pollen. Pollution has become a growing concern among Filipinos, especially those in Metro Manila, reputedly one of the most polluted cities in Asia.

Common airborne molds like Cladosporium and Aspergillus are present almost everywhere. Outdoors, they are in soil, vegetation and rotting wood.

Pollens, the tiny grains that allow plants to reproduce, may be carried by bees or blown by the wind. People may develop allergic rhinitis by inhaling the wind-blown pollen.

The key to preventing allergic rhinitis is to stay indoors, which is not possible for most people.

But if allergic rhinitis cannot be avoided, there are over-the-counter (OTC) drugs—antihistamines—that can relieve its symptoms.

One OTC medication for allergic rhinitis is Benadryl (Diphenhydramine HCl) AH Anti-Allergy Capsule that has been found to be 54 percent more effective than the leading brand in relieving symptoms of the ailment.

For more information on allergic rhinitis and Benadryl AH Anti-Allergy Capsule, visit www.rxpinoy.com.

Tot baseball, softball tourney begins

NEARLY 70 community and school baseball and softball teams from Manila and neighboring towns and provinces are participating in the 2004 KIDS Tournament of Champions that opened recently at the Alabang Country Club.

The tournament is the largest and longest running youth baseball and softball tournament in the country. Competitions will be held every Sunday until March 2005.

The opening ceremony featured a parade of teams, led by the Far Eastern University Marching Band. Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. gave brief remarks.

Some of the main sponsors of the Tournament are Swift, Air21, Globe Telecom, EEI Corp., Philtown, Selecta and Philippine Star. The community teams involved are Alabang, Antipolo, Cabuyao, Los Baños, Makati, Pasig, Quezon City, Taguig, Tanuan and Valenzuela. School teams are Ateneo, Brent, School of the Holy Spirit, De La Salle (Antipolo, Greenhills, Lipa and Zobel), International School Manila, Manila Japanese School, Marist, Miriam, Northfield, Poveda, Southridge, St. Johns, Woodrose and Xavier.

Interested schools, organizations and indiyiduals can call the Junior Baseball and Softball Foundation of the Philippines at 8156429 or e-mail alabang_baseball@yahoo.com.

Welcome
KIDS

THE 2004 KIDS Tournament of Champions, the largest and longest running youth baseball and softball competition in the country, will be held every Sunday until March 2005.

Facility for sports injuries opens

A COMPLETE physical, medical and rehabilitation facility to promote the prevention and proper treatment of sports-related injuries was set up recently at the Adidas Sports Kamp, E-Square Park, Bonifacio Global City.

Although intended primarily to provide first aid, Rehab Kamp is equipped to treat various injuries, from musculo-skeletal injuries like low back pain, neck pain, sprains, strains, arthritis, foot pain and knee pain, to sports-related fractures and dislocations.

Its equipment include the traction machine (for neck and lower back), electrical stimulation (to improve muscle function), a Theraball, Trampoline and Theraband (for strengthening).

Treatments are supervised by Rehab Kamp doctors, including Drs. Svetlana Maris Olaso-Aycardo and Romil Martinez, and surgeon Dr. Jovy Eala.

Rehab Kamp also has a tie-up with a sports psychologist who assists in evaluation and counseling of patients.

Patients are also taught how to prevent another injury.

Rehab Kamp is open 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Sunday. Doctors' clinic hours are 4-6 p.m., MWF; 9 a.m.-12 nn, T-Th-Sun; and 3-6 p.m., Saturday. Call 8160471.

Hearing loss is no barrier to success

MARCO Ocampo, 27, is an example of how a physical handicap should not stand in the way of success.

The Industrial Engineering graduate of Mapua Institute of Technology is the night shift supervisor at Swift Cash Inc., a remittance company. He answers online inquiries and gives updates on status of transactions to overseas company agents.

Ocampo, who started to suffer from hearing loss at age 5, does his work with the help of a hearing aid. He relies on the Manila Hearing Aid Center (MHAC), the country's pioneer in hearing care and service industry, to keep his hearing aid in good condition and for other needs. MHAC offers services such as a complete hearing laboratory, with all the engineering facilities needed to provide adequate service.

With his hearing impairment not posing a serious obstacle, Ocampo plans to take up Information Technology to improve his chances of landing an overseas job.

ILLUSTRATION BY ANTHONY MISTADES

Health aids

INSIDE OUT

Cory Quirino

COUNTLESS vitamins, minerals and friendly bacteria, when included in one's regimen, can promote good health.

Let's take a look at some of them:

Acidophilous

Lactobacillus acidophilous or acidophilous is a rich source of friendly intestinal bacteria. Considered more potent than yogurt, this is one's best defense against an imbalance in the intestinal flora.

Doctors often prescribe its use in conjunction with oral antibiotic treatment to ensure the restoration of good bacteria while preventing an overgrowth of fungus that grows in the intestines, nails, vagina, lungs, mouth.

This type of treatment is now popularly known as probiotics. Regular usage can keep the intestines clean, prevent bad breath, constipation, prevent acne and skin problems. It will also prevent vaginal dryness in menopausal women.

Recommendation: Take two acidophilous capsules 30 minutes to one hour before meals, three times a day.

Yeast

Considered one of the richest sources of organic iron, yeast is one of nature's wonder foods. Known to lower cholesterol (if combined with lecithin), it also relieves gout and body aches and pains, as well as fights fatigue.

Brewers yeast—from hops, a by-product of beer

Torula yeast—from wood pulp

Whey—byproduct of milk/cheese

Liquid yeast—from Switzerland/Germany, fed on herbs and oranges

Please avoid baker's yeast as it depletes Vitamin B in the intestines.

A power house combination: Vitamin B and yeast.

Recommendation: Take one tablet in juice or water between meals. Energy is guaranteed to last for hours. To curb your appetite, mix in your juice just before meals.

Alfalfa

Frank Bouer, a noted biologist, called it "the great healer." The leaves of this legume contains eight essential enzymes. A good laxative and a natural diuretic, it is rich in Vitamins K, D, E, B6 calcium, magnesium, potassium.

Recommendation: Take as a supplement in capsules three to six times daily. (Caution: Alfalfa can aggravate lupus and other autoimmune disorders.)

Yucca

This extract comes from a tree like the Joshua tree of the liliaceae family. It has been used by Indians for centuries to treat many ailments, including arthritis and rheumatism, joint pain and inflammation. Take one tablet/capsule three times daily.

Bromelain

This enzyme, derived from the stem of pineapples, aids digestion, reduces pain and protects the stomach lining.

Recommendation: As a digestive aid, take one to two 500 mg tablets after meals.

Your weekly affirmation

"Every day in every way I grow in health and wisdom."

Beauty regimen

A splash of cool water on the face to perk you up. Pat your cheeks gently for added blush.

Love and light!

Reference: Earl Minderll's Vitamin Bible for the 21st Century

---

CHECHEL Joson and Brad Turvey announce the winner of the Astring-O-Sol celebrity dating game.

Mouthwash-drenched kisses

"SEX and the City" fans were recently treated to a triple treat at the Bellevue Hotel: The much-awaited premiere of the first two episodes of the final season of "Sex and the City," a New York-inspired fashion show sponsored by Rustan's, and a sizzling celebrity dating game featuring Brad Turvey as the celebrity searcher sponsored by Astring-O-Sol Ice.

The dating game had three lovely contestants doing a dating quiz with Turvey. Questions revolved around dating activities, bedroom fantasies and secret singles behavior—"Sex and the City" style. Then the girls were made to give their sexiest kiss to a blindfolded Turvey.

In the end, Cecile Manansala, a *balikbayan* nurse, won the competition.

And that's what Astring-O-Sol Ice can do. Mouth germs are eliminated, giving you the freshest breath so you can get bolder and sexier. So pucker up and get those lips smacking for a hot date anytime.

JOHNNY Litton, flanked by two models, hosted the recent Sex and the City premiere at the Bellevue hotel sponsored by Astring-O-Sol Ice.

GET THE BODY ▪ THE MARIE FRANCE BODY

Do You Want My Body?

Lose Fat Now at Marie France!

Sagging arms, flabby tummy, cellulite-heavy hips and thighs...Most women need to lose stubborn fat in these areas so they can finally achieve what they've always wanted: a body that's slimmer and confidently sexier. This is The Marie France Body...now it can also be yours with the help of our effective fat-loss treatments. Firm up your arms and lose inches of flab with Physique Inch-Loss Treatment. Melt away bulging fat in your tummy with Fat Mobilization System. Reduce cellulite and improve the shape of your hips and thighs with Endermologie.

The Marie France Body. You know you want it! Now, you can have it! Call us for a FREE Body Fat Analysis today.

FREE 3 tummy flattening Electro-lipolysis Treatments upon enrollment from Oct. 18-23, 2004!

www.mariefrance.com.ph

Marie France Bodyline™

CALL 894-BODY (2639) BEST FOR EASY FAT LOSS

MAKATI ORTIGAS TIMOG BINONDO ALABANG CONGRESSIONAL PAMPANGA CEBU

Cheerdancing as electric sport, colorful fashion

AS the cheerdance contest of the University Athletic Association of the Phils. (UAAP) has shown, cheerleading has become a spectator sport. It has also impressed upon people that fitness and grace are not antithetical; they go together.

This fusion of strength and beauty was shown by the UAAP cheerdance champions, the University of Santo Tomas' Salinggawi Dance Troup, who proudly wore their LA Gear of gold, yellow and black.

The Salinggawi members were all heart as they pranced, prowled, pirouetted, pyramided and propelled in synchronized, syncopated sophistication in their six-minute bid to defend their championship. It was no sweat; it won its third straight championship.

The sixth in line among the eight UAAP members, the UST Salinggawi opened with the highly accented choral rhythm of the opening aria of Carl Orb's opera, "Carmina Burana." At the end, they magically formed their trademark pyramid in the wink of an eye—a feat unrivaled by other teams.

Then came the Macarena beat, choo-choo train, pop, hip-hop, ballet and the awesome capoeira. The latter, an African-Brazilian mixture of dance, music, acrobatics and martial arts, was a showcase in the use of finesse, guile and maneuver.

The dynamic movements of the Gawi, as they are fondly called, such as cartwheels, handstands and spinning kicks, mirrored capoeira's and their own history—filled with trials and tribulations. This art evolved with African slaves expressing their feelings and maintaining their original culture.

All the nerve-wracking spins and tosses in midair were timed to the canned music. The performance was poetry in motion.

The ballet sequence to the music of Beethoven's "Feur Elise," which recreated a music box dancer in a carousel, was bittersweet. The square dance to the bye-bye beat of "Be My Baby" transported the audience to the innocent '60s.

But what brought the house down was the propeller toss, a stunt that took the breath away of the audience, proving that Gawi would never rest on their laurels. In the fleeting seconds it took to execute the maneuver, the crowd's hair stood on end.

LA Gear has been sponsoring Salinggawi's UAAP bid for years now . This acclaimed maker of sports shoes and clothes has always prioritized the youth in its corporate endeavors.

Vangie Chua, LA Gear's marketing executive, made sure the team had the best uniforms and jackets, complete with bags and shoes. "We gave them their own LA Gear IDs so they can easily secure what they need from our stores," she said.

"We are committed to this team. We believe in their great potential," explained Thomas Lim, an alumnus of the UST College of Engineering, who is also the owner of LA Gear.

LA Gear recently hosted a victory party for the team's 29 members at the Market! Market! in The Fort. It also gave bonuses to the members.

Count on Salinggawi to lead in the singing of the UST Hymn—with its haunting refrain about "your ever valiant legion, imbued with unending grace"—as UST nears the quadricentennial of its foundation in 2011.

UST Salinggawi members don LA Gear sports fashion.

ENTERTAINMENT Metro

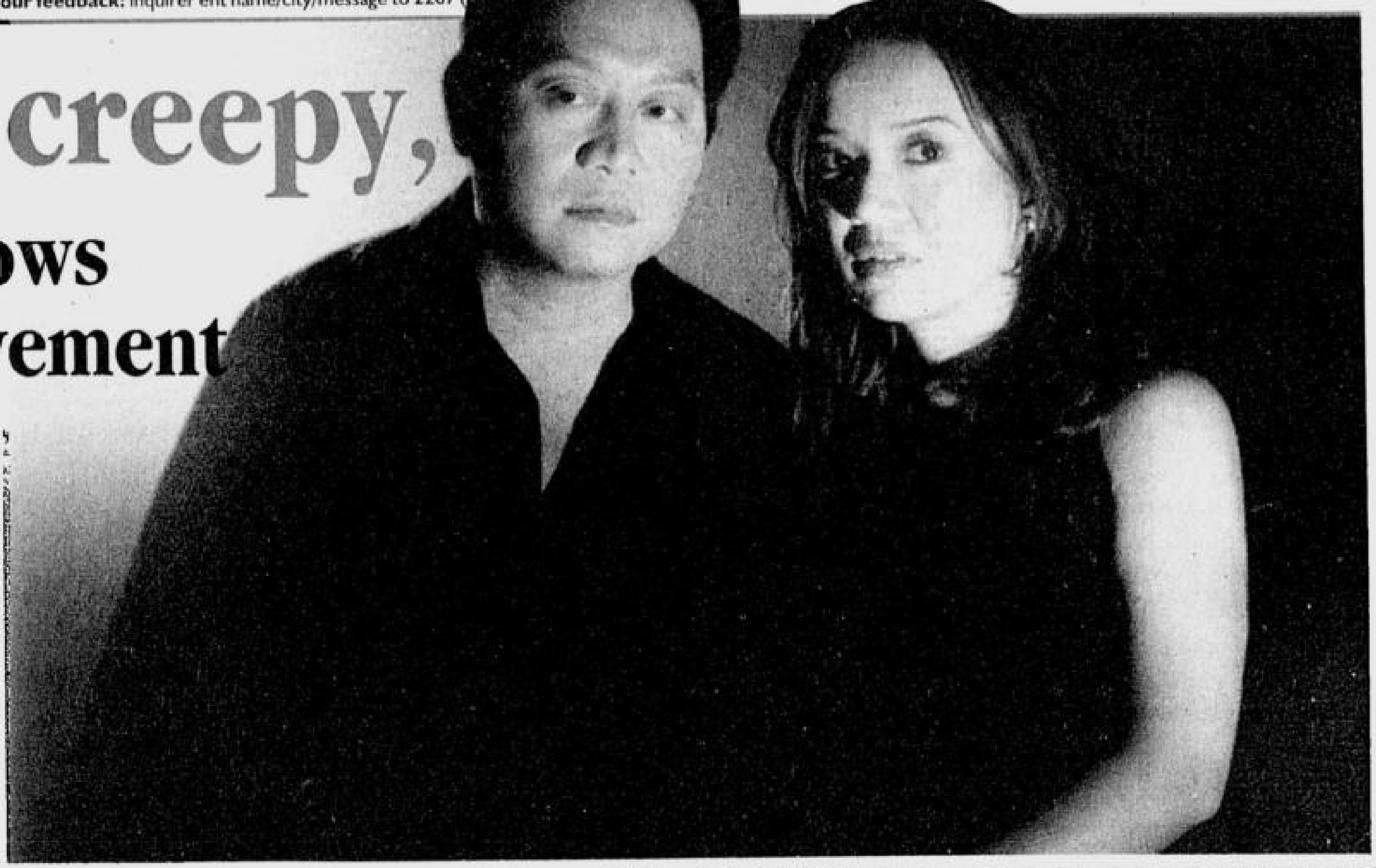
E-mail: pr_entertainment@inquirer.com.ph

Editor Louie C. Camino
Assistant Editor Emmie G. Velarde

Text us your feedback: inquirer ent name/city/message to 2207

'Feng Shui' is creepy, and Kris shows tremendous improvement

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor



GOOD. "Quite good" in her role as a pained, confused woman is Kris Aquino, with director Chito Roño above and co-stars Lotlot de Leon (left, at right) and Ilonah Jean.

REMEMBER "Ringu"?

The Japanese import prompted the onslaught of Asian horror flicks in local cinemas barely two years ago. Genuinely frightening, it spawned two sequels, and copycats from other neighboring countries paled in comparison.

The trend peaked early this year; it was only a matter of time before Filipino filmmakers followed suit.

Sadako, "Ringu's" now famous bogey woman, is everything that superstitious nightmares are made of. She is unique because she manifests, at least in the original flick, the terror wielded by ghastly folk tales and beliefs in inexplicable curses. She is tragedy and revenge rolled into one, and thus she has become one of the most unforgettable faces of evil.

Clones were inevitable but, to date, no immaterial monster holds a candle to the lady from the well.

Not surprisingly, Star Cinema's "Feng Shui" has borrowed quite a number of plot devices and twists from "Ringu" and the copycats. Still, the Kris Aquino starrer remains a strong and solid effort because it taps into the familiar and contemporary in order to tell a chilling tale.

Channeling fortune

Directed by Chito Roño from a story and script he had written with Roy Iglesias, "Feng Shui" focuses on Chinese beliefs in channeling luck.

Joy Ramirez (Kris Aquino) is a working mom and wife, a big believer in such practices. Life takes a turn for the bizarre when she discovers an old Chinese object called a *bagwa*, an octagonal framed mirror, a *feng shui* charm, that supposedly wards off evil.

Left by its previous owner in a bus, the *bagwa* soon finds itself in Joy's house. And as if on cue, strange occurrences begin.

She gets lucky at work, wins supermarket raffles, and so on. Her husband, Inton (Jay Manalo), and their two kids adjust to their new home, happy that they're getting one lucky break after another.

They fail to see something that Joy would realize quite quickly—that the winning streak has a terrible price.

Prolonged scenes

Death and great misfortune await those who accidentally see their reflection in the *bagwa*. Urged by supportive friends, like the tarot card-reading Thelma (Ilonah Jean) and co-worker Alice (Lotlot de Leon), Joy digs into the charm's secrets and races against time to break its curse.

"Feng Shui" *is* creepy. Not expecting any big chills, I was pleasantly surprised. No, I don't mean frightened. I chuckled at the sight of some actors in prosthetic makeup, although not because the job was botched. Sure, they looked scary with the lighting and all, but I couldn't get past the fact that I had seen many of these *artistas* before, some of them in sitcoms. With a foreign audience, perhaps, unfamiliarity could work for them.

In any case, their scenes as mean-looking phantoms are a bit too prolonged.

Joy's ability to match a doomed person's birth year to the corresponding Chinese calendar animal—and the person's impending mishap—is an interesting take on predestination. One woman dies because of a rodent-related disease. The woman was born in the Year of the Rat, Joy figures. Another meets her demise near broken Red Horse beer bottles; she was born in the Year of the . . . you get the idea.

Demystifying

There's a Sadako-like harbinger in the form of an old woman who figures into the old curse. She's also vengeful, and while I don't see a reason for her presence other than to scare the hell out of viewers, she adds freaky visual points.

Be warned, though: Her scenes—prolonged of course—are a little demystifying, too.

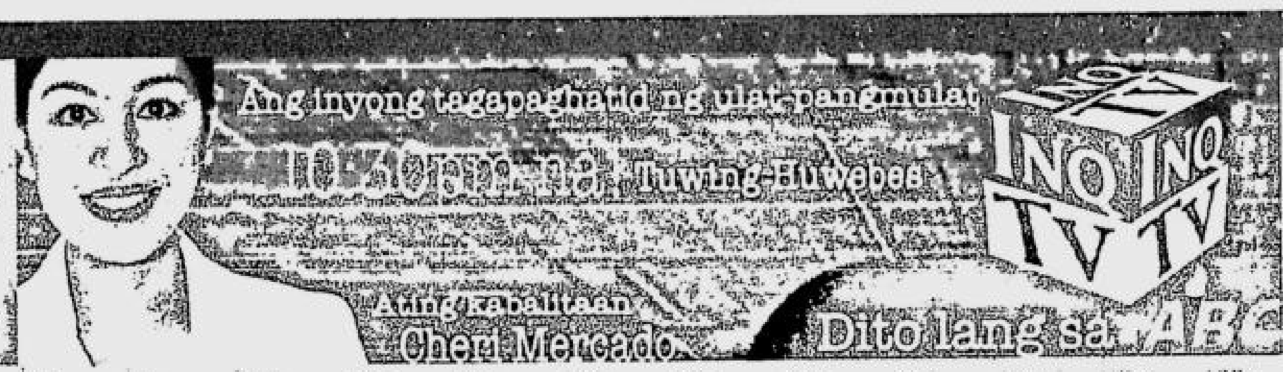
Kris Aquino has realized the rewards of subtlety, and it's about time. While I may not be a fan of the woman as a game or talk show host, it can't be denied that she has improved tremendously as an actress.

She has mercifully outgrown her sad 1990s "Love Ko si Kris" days. Here, she's actually quite good as a pained and confused woman. Whether she's channeling from real-life experience or acquired skill is anyone's guess.

"Feng Shui" is good, then, if derivative of its precursors. Still, the sequel—almost a certainty at this point—should explore the untapped potential of these localized concepts and go for more original and far more lingering chills.

TV GUIDE

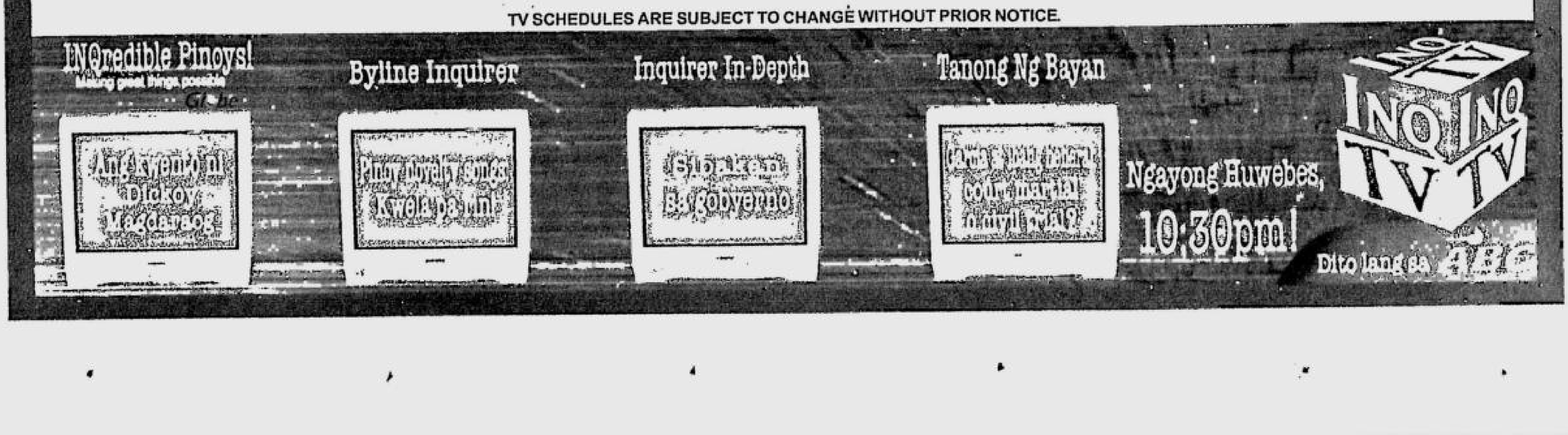
Tuesday, October 19, 2004


Ang inyong tagapaghatid ng ulat pangmulat
10:30pm na, Tuwing Huwebes
INQ TV
Ating Kabalitaan Cheri Mercado
Dito lang sa ABC

ClickTheCity.com

Channel	3:00pm	3:30pm	4:00pm	4:30pm	5:00pm	5:30pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm	12:00mn
ABS-CBN	Sarah The Teen Princess	Maid In Heaven	Sandara's Romance	Tokyo Underground	Dear Boys	Get Backers	Ragnarok	TV Patrol	Star Circle National Teen Quest	Krystala	Marina	It Might Be You	Hiram	Bida Si Mister Bida Si Misis			Insider	Pipol	The 700 Club
NBN				Teledyaryo	Value Vision		Concert at the Park		Corporate Billiards League		Teledyaryo				Wow Philippines		Auto Focus		
ABC	Problema Nyo, Sagot Ko	KNN	Anime Ring Kaisho	Anime Ring Kaisho (4.30 PM)			Sentro	Lizzie Mcguire	Three Blind Mice	Three Blind Mice (7.30 PM)	Wow Mali		Big News	Secrets	The Probe Team Documentaries	The Probe Team Documentaries (10:30PM)	Dream Music Videos	Billboard On-Air	
GMA	Joyride (3:15 PM)	Twin Sisters: 100% Señorita (3.45 PM)		One Piece	Rune Soldier	Slam Dunk	24 Oras		Extra Challenge		Mulawin (7:50 PM)	Starstruck (8.50 PM)	Forever In My Heart (9:20 PM)		Bahay Mo Ba 'To?		Bahay Mo Ba 'To? (10:00PM)	Saksi	Reporter's Notebook
RPN			The Working President	J2J	Wild Thornberries	Sponge Bob	Invader Zim	Entertainment Tonight	Ed		Ally McBeal		Agency		Newswatch Now	Tuesday Night Treat	Tuesday Night Treat (10.30PM)		
IBC	Home Shopping Network		Home Shopping Network		IBC Express Balita		Home Shopping Network		Fenase		D.E.N.R.		Entrepinoy	Good Take	Travel	IBC News Tonite	Up Close And Personal		
Solar	Wwe Raw				Mutant League	Godzilla	Static Shock	Maxxtel	Stargate SG1		Soldier Of Fortune		RHD/LA		The Wire		Oz		Sweet Killing
Nickelodeon	Little Bear	Blues Clues	SpongeBob SquarePants	All That	Are You Afraid of the Dark?	100 Deeds of Eddie McDowd	The Amanda Show	The Brother's Garcia	Fairly Odd Parents	SpongeBob SquarePants	As Told By Ginger	Are You Afraid of the Dark?	All That	100 Deeds of Eddie McDowd	The Amanda Show	Rocket Power	The Wild Thornberrys	The Brother's Garcia	Fairly Odd Parents
ETC	Meet My Folks		The Today Show		Starting Over		NBC Nightly News	Entertainment Tonight	Will & Grace	Knock First	One Tree Hill		The O.C.		Tonight Show With Jay Leno		Blind Date	Fifth Wheel	Late Night With Conan O'Brien
Cinema One				Esperanza - The Movie	Esperanza - The Movie (4.30 PM)				Akin ang Pangarap Mo		Akin ang Pangarap Mo (7.00 PM)		Pinoy Pie				Balahibong Pusa		
Studio 23	Survivor: Thailand				Survivor: Thailand (3.00 PM)		X-Men Evolution	Samurai Deeper Kyo	Wazzup Wazzup	Strange Brew	The Amazing Race 6		Smallville		News Central	The Oprah Winfrey Show	The Oprah Winfrey Show (10.30PM)	The Men's Room	Cyber Pop
AXN	Record Setters		Maximum Exposure		Fear Factor		Samurai X	Samurai X	24		Ripley's Believe It or Not		Alias		Record Setters		WRC 2004: France		Ripley's Believe It or Not
Star World	The Bold & The Beautiful		Hollywood Squares	Home Improvement	Baywatch		The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show	Star News Asia	Just Shoot Me	John Doe		The Apprentice		UC: Undercover		Just Shoot Me	John Doe	
CNN	Business International		Larry King Live		World News	World Sport	Business International		World News	World Sport	World News Asia		World News	World Sport	World News Asia		Your World Today		
National Geographic	Thrill Seekers		Adventure Starts Here With Toyota		Treasure Seekers		The Snake Wranglers	Croc Chronicles With Dr. Brady Barr	Wild		About Asia		National Geographic Specials		Thrill Seeker		The Sea Hunters		Raiders Of The Lost Gold
Lifestyle Network	The Fixl	Mission Organization	Carol Duvall	Molto Mario	Hot Off The Grill	Good Eats	Extreme Cuisine	Unwrapped	Passion For Dessert	It's Good To Be	A Second Look		Look For Less	Style Star	Road & Track	Back To Basics	Planet Parent	Hot Off The Grill	Fashiontrance
HBO	The Remains Of The Day				Secret Santa (5.15 PM)			Ripley's Game (6.45 PM)			Ripley's Game (6.45 PM)	Stuart Little 2 (8.40 PM)	Sex And The City 84: Boy, Interrupted	Carnivale 03: Tipton	Carnivale 03: Tipton (10:30PM)	Willard (11:20PM)			
Star Movies	Holiday In The Sun (3.15 PM)			Chasing Cain I. Vow (4.45 PM)	Chasing Cain I: Vow (4.45 PM)			Rob Roy			Rob Roy (6.30 PM)		Frailty			Sgt. Bilko (10:40PM)	Sgt. Bilko (10.40PM)		Windtalkers (12.15AM)
Cartoon Network	The All New Popeye Show		Tom & Jerry Show	Baby Looney Tunes	Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	Police Academy	Swat Kats	Teen Titans	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Digimon Frontiers	Codename Kids Next Door	The Looney Tunes Show	Courage The Cowardly Dog	The Grim Adventures Of Billy & Mandy	The Addams Family	The Funky Phantom	Boomerang - Boomeraction	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Teen Titans
ESPN				English Premier League Highlights 2004/05	English Premier League Highlights 2004/05 (4.30 PM)	World Volleyball Grand Prix 2004	Pool/Snooker World Pool Masters 2004, Egmond Aan Zee, Holland		Sportscenter Taiwan	NFL Football (I) St Louis, MO USA Buccaneers Vs Rams			NFL Football (I) St Louis, MO USA Buccaneers Vs Rams (8.30 PM)	Sportscenter Taiwan	Super Basketball League Taipei, Taiwan All Star Game				
Disney Channel	Totally Spies	Lizzie Mcguire	Even Stevens	That's So Raven	Martin Mystery	Totally Spies	The Legend Of Tarzan	Lilo & Stitch/Unlakative Bonny	Mickey Mouse and Friends	Wonderful World Of Disney	Wonderful World Of Disney (7:30 PM)		My Wife And Kids	That's So Raven	Even Stevens	America's Funniest Home Video	Wonderful World Of Disney		
Cinemax	The Last Hit			Lightning: Bolts Of Destruction	Lightning: Bolts Of Destruction (4.30 PM)		Blind Justice			Tempted	Tempted (7:30 PM)		Look Who's Talking Too			Stranger At The Door (10:20PM)	Stranger At The Door (10:20PM)	Octane (11:55PM)	
Hallmark Channel	Walter and Henry				Play With Me Sesame	Sesame Street		Bewitched	Family Law		Judging Amy Jasper, Texas			Mysterious Ways (10:35PM)	Mysterious Ways (10:35PM)	Family Law (11.25PM)	Jasper, Texas (12:15AM)		
Discovery Channel	Civilisations				Wild Discovery		Ultimate Discovery		Rides		Human Discovery		Wild Discovery		Ultimate Discovery		Science Mysteries		Science Frontiers
MTV Philippines	MTV Supahstar		Non-Stop Hits		Non-Stop Hits		MTV Get Spotted	MTV Loveline	MTV Lokal		Non-Stop Hits	Non-Stop Hits	TRL		Punk'D	Wildboyz	VH1 Hits/ Video Collection		World Chart Express
EWTN	The Chaplet Of Divine Mercy	Super Saints	Faith Factory	Angel Force	Rosary With Mother Angelica	EWTN Gallery	The Journey Home		Search And Rescue	Fr. Groeschel: Pilgrimage To The Shrines Of Eastern Europe	Daily Mass		Holy Land Rosary	In Concert		What Did Vatican II Really Teach?	Fr. Groeschel: Hope In The Lord	Say Yes!	EWTN Gallery

TV SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.


INQredible Pinoys!
Making great things possible
Globe
Ang kwento ni Dickoy Magdaraog
Byline Inquirer
Pinoy novelty songs: Kwela pa rin!
Inquirer In-Depth
Sibakan sa gobyerno
Tanong Ng Bayan
INQ TV
Ngayong Huwebes, 10:30pm!
Dito lang sa ABC

Seeemall!

AYALA CINEMAS THX

Movies/schedules may change without prior notice. For verification call 729-7777

ATC ALABANG TOWN CENTER	G1 GLORIETTA 1	G4 GLORIETTA 4	GB3 GREENBELT 3	ACC AYALA CENTER CEBU
THX 1 LADDER 49	1 LADDER 49	1 SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW	GUARANTEED SEATS THX 1 SKY CAPTAIN... 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00, 11:20	1 SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW
2 SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW	2 SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW	2 HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS	GUARANTEED SEATS THX 2 WIMBLEDON 1:50, 4:00	2 RAISING HELEN
3 SHARK TALE	3 HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS	GUARANTEED SEATS THX 3 LADDER 49 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30	GUARANTEED SEATS 3 HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10, 11:30	3 FAHRENHEIT 9/11
4 WIMBLEDON	4 SHARK TALE	4 OPEN WATER	GUARANTEED SEATS 4 SHARK TALE 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30	4 GODSEND
5 HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS		5 RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE	GUARANTEED SEATS 5 LADDER 49 1:55, 4:15, 6:35, 8:55, 11:15	5 SHARK TALE
		6 SHARK TALE		
		7 THREE		

GB1 GREENBELT 1
1 LADDER 49 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
2 SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

At the Activity Center

GLORIETTA	ALABANG TOWN CENTER	AYALA CENTER CEBU
ANSON'S APPLIANCE EXHIBIT (ongoing until October 21) GOLD'S GYM EVENT October 23	89.9 POCKET CONCERT October 23 MTV Fashionista Model Search October 24	CEBU CITY GOVERNMENT'S MS. UNITED NATIONS 2004 CELEBRATION October 19, 2004

ENTERTAINMENT LIVE!

GREENBELT 2	GREENBELT 3
GREENBELT 2: MUSIC STYLES EVERY THURSDAYS TO SUNDAYS (7-10pm) PIDO (Thu), TAKE ONE (Fri), THOR (Sat)	SPANISH FESTIVAL: FLAMENCO JAZZ October 22, Greenbelt 3 Park

Onstage
REPERTORY PHILIPPINES presents PINOCCHIO
at REP's GLOBE THEATER - August 7 to December 12, 2004

AYALA MUSEUM
INNER CIRCLE EVENT, October 20
For inquiries, please call 813-4485.

Imagine this.
Bringing your friends to an intimate
gathering in a THX standard cinema
with a sophisticated lounge area executed
by the same interior design team of the
posh Greenbelt 3 Residences.
You may call it

mycinema

Perfect for intimate parties, exclusive launches, corporate events and other types of private functions. Ayala Cinemas brings you the country's one and only private cinema. Now it can be yours.
For inquiries, please call 752 7862 or 757 3860 to 62.

Be amazed at the visual masterpiece in
the dazzling & groundbreaking
SKY CAPTAIN
& THE WORLD OF TOMORROW
PHOTO EXHIBIT
Now open to the public at
the Glorietta 4 cinema lobby

NOW SHOWING
IN AYALA CINEMAS

MTRCB Rating: General Audience (G)

PIONEER FILMS AYALA CINEMAS AYALA MALLS Lovemall!

PALTROW
LAW
JOLIE
SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

Subscribe to
AYALA CINEMAS' WEEKLY
MOVIEM@IL

The revolutionary way to
keep you posted on
what's happening with your
favorite Ayala Cinemas.
And it's all for FREE!

Simply e-mail the word "SUBSCRIBE" to ayalacinemas@ayalaland.com.ph and you'll receive an e-mail from us with the latest updates each week.

AYALA CINEMAS AYALA MALLS Lovemall!

CUSTOMER SERVICE TEXT HOTLINE: 0917-6095900 • CUSTOMER SERVICE HOTLINE: Glorietta - 752-7272; from 10am to 8pm • Greenbelt - 757-4853; from 11am to 12mn • Alabang Town Center - 842-2782; from 10am to 8pm Ayala Center Cebu - (032) 231-5342 loc 324 • AYALA CINEMA LINKS: For screening times call 729-7777.
Reserve your seats by texting SURESEATS GB3 or SURESEATS G4 to 2333 (Globe) or 211 (Smart).
Or log on to www.sureseats.com for web reservations.

AYALA CENTER ALABANG TOWN AYALA CENTER CEBU Lovemall!

SM CINEMA movietime

EVERY HERO HAS A DESTINY.
JOAQUIN PHOENIX JOHN TRAVOLTA
LADDER 49

moviepickoftheWeek

| whattowatch |

THE PODIUM CINEMA

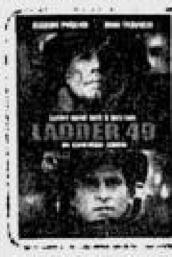
For Seat Reservation, call 633 8976
LATE NIGHT SCREENING
DURING FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

1 THE HOUSE OF THE FLYING DAGGERS
12:10 FS/ 12:40 MF/ 3:15/ 5:50/ 8:25/ 10:25 LFS/ 11:00 LMF/ 1:00 END

2 LADDER 49
12:10 FS/ 12:40 MF/ 3:15/ 5:50/ 8:25/ 10:25 LFS/ 11:45 LMF/ 1:00 END

HOUSE OF THE FLYING DAGGERS MTRCB Rating: PG 13

SM City Bicutan Cinema 2
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 8
SM City Southmall Cinema 10
SM City Fairview Cinema 9
SM Tutuban Cinema 4
SM Supercenter Sucat Cinema 2
SM City Manila Cinema 6
SM City North Edsa Cinema 6
SM Megamall Cinema 4

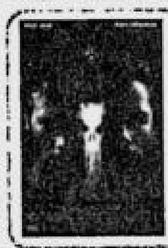


LADDER 49 MTRCB Rating: PG 13

SM City Manila Cinema 1
SM Megamall Cinema 3
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 5
SM City Southmall Cinema 4
SM Tutuban Cinema 2
SM City Fairview Cinema 12
SM City Bicutan Cinema 1
SM Supercenter Sucat Cinema 1

OPEN WATER MTRCB Rating: PG 13

SM Fairview Cinema 11
SM Megamall Cinema 11
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 4
SM City Southmall Cinema 10
SM City Manila Cinema 7
SM City North Edsa Cinema 4



THE PUNISHER MTRCB Rating: R 13

SM City Manila Cinema 12
SM Megamall Cinema 6
SM City Fairview Cinema 12
SM City Southmall Cinema 6
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 10

SHARK TALE MTRCB Rating: G

SM City Fairview Cinema 8
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 7
SM City Bicutan Cinema 3
SM City Manila Cinema 2
SM City North Edsa Cinema 2
SM Megamall Cinema 9
SM Supercenter Sucat Cinema 4
SM City Southmall Cinema 2

SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMMOROW SUBJECT TO MTRCB RATING

SM Supercenter Sucat Cinema 3
SM Tutuban Cinema 1
SM City Bicutan Cinema 4
SM City North EDSA Cinema 5
SM Southmall Cinema 3
SM Megamall Cinema 2
SM City Manila Cinema 4
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 9
SM City Fairview Cinema 4

THREE MTRCB Rating: R 13

SM City Manila Cinema 10
SM City North Edsa Cinema 7
SM Megamall Cinema 7
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 6
SM City Fairview Cinema 10
SM City Southmall Cinema 9

BOURNE SUPREMACY MTRCB Rating R 13
SM Megamall Cinema 5
SM City Manila Cinema 12

FENG SHUI SUBJECT TO MTRCB RATING
SM City Manila Cinema 9
SM City North Edsa Cinema 3
SM City Fairview Cinema 6
SM Megamall Cinema 8
SM City Sta.Mesa Cinema 1
SM City Southmall Cinema 7
SM City Tutuban Cinema 3

RESIDENT EVIL MTRCB Rating R 13
SM City Manila Cinema 5
SM City Sta. Mesa Cinema 3
SM City North EDSA Cinema 1
SM Southmall Cinema 6
SM City Fairview Cinema 5
SM Megamall Cinema 10

WIMBLEDON SUBJECT TO MTRCB RATING
SM City Manila Cinema 11
SM Megamall Cinema 12
SM City Fairview Cinema 1

Movies are subject to change without prior notice • For complete movie schedule, visit www.smcinema.com

SKATE & WIN!
Get 1 raffle entry for every 3 regular tickets
in a single receipt purchase

Get a chance to win premium items from Shark Tale
• Inflatable shark • "Shark Tale" shirt • memo pad • ID tags • tattoo stickers

RAFFLE DRAW DATES:
October 16 (8pm)
October 23 (8pm)

SM ICE SKATING RINK

Promo runs from October 8-23, 2004

See standee for details
Per DTI-NCR Permit No A3-697, Series of 2004

Music, stars at Tavern

THE HIP happening bar-resto Tavern on the Square continues its star-studded celebrations in October and November.

Mondays at the Tavern have become synonymous with Freestyle. Escape continues to wow crowds every Tuesday.

Wednesdays have also become a traditional mid-week night-out for Side A regulars at the Tavern. Thursday is when Wiseguys followers get their fill of easy-listening boy band music and charms.

All roads lead to Tavern on Friday night, especially because Route 70 is performing.

Revelation

A revelation continues to draw raves and make waves every Saturday: That's Raymond Bagatsing and the Bandidoz. Fronted by the award-winning actor, this hot new band will make your weekend gimik truly a night to remember.

For a minimum consumable charge of only P400++ per person, guests can enjoy not only the night's show but also the Tavern's food and drinks.

Tavern has also gathered other top bands and acts this October. Radha and Acoustic Jive will groove all night tonight. Art 'n' Soul takes over on Oct. 25. MYMP is the acoustic band performing on Oct. 26.

And making its grand Tavern debut on Oct. 29 is the band to watch this season, Sipol, led by seasoned player Marvin Querido. Sipol is currently climbing the charts with the hit "Give Me One More Chance."

Signed up by GMA Records, Sipol will headline the much-coveted Friday slot of Tavern for the whole month of November (4, 12, 19 and 26).

Nina, Agot

The much-sought-after soul siren Nina and king of pop-acoustic Nyoy Volante also take center stage this November.

Nyoy and Manos will be featured all Tuesdays of November (2, 9, 16 and 30). Nina will dazzle the Tavern crowd on Nov. 3 and 10.

After her winning performance in the musical "Baby," Agot Isidro, who has long been missed in the live concert scene, stages a rare Tavern gig on a Wednesday in November. She will share the stage with Acoustic Jivet.

Miss Teysi

Adding spice to the Tavern lineup is the first lady of stand-up comedy, Tessie Tomas, who returns to the Tavern stage on Nov. 20 and 27.

Miss Teysi's Tavern show will herald the

MUSIC/3

dzMM reaps honors at CMMA

WINNING five out of the 12 awards and a special citation recognition, dzMM was the runaway winner in the radio category of the 26th Catholic Mass Media Awards held on Oct. 12 at the Henry Lee Irwin Theater, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City.

edzMM, the country's No. 1 and most awarded AM station, received the awards for best business news or feature ("Sikap Pinoy"), best drama episode ("Ang Tagapagligtas"), best special event coverage (dzMM Radyo Patrol's coverage of the Oakwood Mutiny), best sports program ("Sports Talk") and best news program ("dzMM Radyo Patrol Balita Alas-Siyete").

dzMM's regional station in Cebu, dyAB 1512, received a special citation for the entertainment program "Sentimental Journey."

"Saludo Ka Kay Kiko," a dzMM radio documentary about Ka Kiko Evangelista, was also given a special citation.

In the television category, ABS-CBN, dzMM's mother company, received the best drama series honors for "Marina." The Claudine Barretto fantaserye leads the roster of winners from ABS-CBN which includes "Sineskwela," best children's program, and "Wansapanataym," which was elevated to the Hall of Fame for winning three consecutive years in the CMMA.

In the ABS-CBN Regional Network Group (RNG), "TV Patrol Iloilo" (ABS-CBN Iloilo) was named best news program for TV and "Hiyas ng Quezon: Pahiyas Special" by ABS-CBN Naga was best special event coverage.

For its coverage of the 2003 UAAP cheer dancing competition, Studio 23, ABS-CBN's UHF channel, got the best sports show award.

Music, stars at Tavern

From page 2

return of more comedy acts at the Tavern.

Two bands will take a stroll down memory lane at the Tavern: 8-track and Overdrive.

A curious mix of dentists, anesthesiologists and other doctors, 8-Track has been consistently packing crowds in their gigs with their '70s and '80s music.

Taking over the Monday slot (Nov. 8, 15, 22 and 29), 8-Track will be performing at the Tavern for the very first time.

Overdrive will be gathering their solid following from the college crowd when they perform on Nov. 6 and 13.

Tavern will be closed for a private function on Oct. 22.

Tavern is open for special functions. Call 757-4484 or 85 for bookings and reservations.

Tavern on the Square, on the second floor of Greenbelt 3 in Makati, is open Monday to Saturday from 6 p.m. Shows start at 9 p.m.

Araneta Center

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

ALI MALL CINEPLEX

3	Dolby	SKY CAPTAIN	12:50 pm 3:30 pm 6:10 pm 8:50 pm
4	SDDS	LADDER 49	1:00 pm 3:40 pm 6:20 pm 9:00 pm
5	dts	FLYING DAGGERS	12:35 pm 3:20 pm 6:05 pm 8:50 pm
6	Dolby	SHARK TALE	12:10 am 2:20 pm 4:30 pm 6:40 pm 8:55 pm
7	Dolby	FENG SHUI	11:35 am 1:55 pm 4:15 pm 6:35 pm 8:55 pm

NEW FIESTA CARNIVAL

OPEN TODAY 4 PM to 10 PM

ARANETA COLISEUM

Oct 20	SAN MIGUEL vs SHELL 7:20 pm
Oct 24	GINEBRA vs SHELL 6:30 pm
Oct 27	FEDEX vs COKE 7:20 pm
Oct 29	SAN MIGUEL vs RED BULL 7:20 pm
Nov 3	ALASKA vs STA LUCIA 7:20 pm

For tickets, call TicketNet at 911-5555

THEATER MOVIE GUIDE

MANILA	
EASTERN	
MAXIM	CLOSED
MIRAMAR	SEX BOMB / RAMPADORA
ODEON	X-MEN 2
ODEON-2	BUKID AY BASA / KASIBULAN
ROBEN	BOLD STAR
TANDEM-1	SUGAT
TANDEM-2	KATAWAN MO LANGIT KO
TIMES	SPY / LEGEND OF CROCODILE
QUEZON CITY	
ACT-1	SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3	ORIGINAL SIN
ACT-4	HANGGANG KAILAN KA PAPATAY
CORONET A	KARELASYON / NAG-AAPOY NA LAMAN
CORONET B	A MAN APART
QUEZON-1	BERTUD NG PUTIK
REMAR	X-MEN 2
REMAR-2	BOLD STAR
NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA	
A	KAULAYAW
B	CLOSED
C	
MANDALUYONG CITY	
SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL	635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70
CINEMA 1, 2,3 & 4	LADDER 49 / SHARK TALE / FLYING DAGGERS / SKY CAPTAIN
PREMIERE THEATRE	SHARK TALE
CAINTA RIZAL	
STA. LUCIA EAST	(681-5401 TO 19)
CINEMA-1	MASARAP ANG UNANG KAGAT (RE-ISSUE)
CINEMA-2	PERLAS
CINEMA-3	FENG SHUI
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	LADDER 49
CINEMA-5 (DTS)	THE PUNISHER
CINEMA-6	WAG KANG KIKIBO (RE-ISSUE)
CINEMA-7	RESIDENT EVIL APOCALYPSE
CINEMA-8	EXORCIST THE BEGINNING
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	LADDER 49
CINEMA-11 (SDDS)	SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW
CINEMA-12	THREE
CINEMA-14	SHARK TALE
CINEMA-15	OPEN WATER
LORES	
CINEMA-2	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-3	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT

NE CINEMAGIC - CABANATUAN	
(LAS PINAS)	BOURNE SUPREMACY
CINEMA-1	FENG SHUI
CINEMA-2	SECRET WINDOW
CINEMA-4	BANGKOK HAUNTED 2
UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL	
(PARANAQUE)	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-1	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
CINEMA-2	MEN IN BLACK II
CINEMA-4	SELDA

POWER PLANT CINEMA

Rockwell Center, Makati City ☎ Tel. No: 8981440-41 DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND-EX

SKY CAPTAIN GP 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00	SHARK TALE GP 11:50,1:50,3:50, 5:50,7:50,9:50	LADDER 49 PG13 12:15,2:45,5:15,7:45,10:20
HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS PG13 12:10,2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10	WIMBLEDON PG13 12:45,2:55,5:05,7:25,9:40	SHARK TALE GP 1:00,3:00

MATINEE SCREENINGS BEFORE 5 PM - P 81 - MON. TO FRI.

SHANG CINEPLEX

① LADDER 49
FS: 10:50 AM, 1:30 PM, 4:10 PM, 6:50 PM
LMF : 9:30 PM (PG-13)

② SHARK TALE
FS: 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM
LMF : 10 PM (GP)

③ SKY CAPTAIN
FS: 12 PM, 2:30 PM, 5 PM, 7:30 PM
LMF : 10 PM (GP)

④ HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS
FS: 11:20 AM, 2 PM, 4:40 PM, 7:20 PM
LMF : 10 PM (PG-13 with Caution)

PREMIERE THEATRE SHARK TALE
FS: 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 7 PM, LMF: 9 PM (GP)

For more information please call 633-2227 / 633-7851 loc. 171

Shangri-La Plaza

star group of cinemas movie guide

IN DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND

starmall EDSA - SHAW
Tel. No. 726.61.50
- Ladder 49
- Flying Daggers
- Resident Evil 2

METROPOLIS ALABANG star
Tel. No. 850.42.85
- Resident Evil 2
- Feng Shui
- Punisher
- Ladder 49
- Sky Captain
- Flying Daggers

starmall LAS PINAS
Tel. No. 873.50.04
- Secretary
- IQ Zero

FREE! Cinema Pass For every 3 tickets you buy at any Star Group of Cinemas PER DTI-NCR PERMIT NO. 1373 SERIES OF 2004

EASTWOOD CINEMAS

Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City
E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave. (C-5) Quezon City

ClickTheCity.com
CTC MOV EASTWOOD
send to 2333 for Globe
and 225 for Smart

For inquiries, call:
687-6963
GUARANTEED SEATS
MOVIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

1	SHARK TALE	10:55, 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 10:00	GP
2	LADDER 49	12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40	PG 13
3	SKY CAPTAIN	10:35, 1:05, 3:35, 6:10, 8:35, 11:05	
4	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGER	11:25, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30	PG 13

THEATRE MALL GREENHILLS

a landmark reinvented!

DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND-EX

NOW SHOWING

CINEMA 1	LADDER 49	11:35 , 2:20 , 5:00 , 7:40 , 10:15	PG13
CINEMA 2	SKY CAPTAIN	11:30 , 1:50 , 4:10 , 6:30 , 8:50	GP

TICKET PRICES & SCREENING TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.
GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER, ORTIGAS AVENUE, GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA • 7224496

MUSIC MUSEUM | October 22 & 23 | "The Repeat" MENOPAUSE The Musical | 8:00PM
FOR INQUIRIES & RESERVATION, PLS CALL : 721-6726 OR 721-0635

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD

CINEMA ACCESS FOR ALL BRANCHES 635-5555
Visit us: www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

TOP MOVIE THEATER

22nd Annual National Consumer's Quality Award 2004
Family Consumers Choice Award 2003

NOW SHOWING

GALLERIA 632-9115 to 16

Cinema	Movie	Times
CINEMA 1 THX	LADDER 49	1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
2	LADDER 49	11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
3	THREE	11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
4	SHARK TALE	11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7.50, 10:00
5	SKY CAPTAIN	10:20, 12.40, 3:00, 5.20, 7:40, 10.00
6	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS	11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
7	OPEN WATER	12:30, 2.20, 4:10, 6:00, 7.50, 9:40
8	FENG SHUI	12:40, 3:00, 5 20, 7:40, 10:00
9	RESIDENT EVIL 2	12.40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
10	WIMBLEDON	12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

Regular Price: P150 THX / P100/70 for two levels cinemas / P100 for one level cinemas

ERMITA 536-7809 to 12

Cinema	Movie	Times
1	SKY CAPTAIN	1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:00
2	OPEN WATER	10:30, 12:20, 2:10, 4:00, 5.50, 7:40, 9:30
3	LADDER 49	1.40, 4:15, 6.55, 9:40
4	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS	10:10, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
5	SHARK TALE	10:20, 12:15, 2:10, 4:05, 6.00, 7:55, 9:50
6	THREE	1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:40
7	RESIDENT EVIL 2	10:40, 12.50, 3:00, 5:15, 7.25, 9:40

METRO EAST 682-8193/99 / 682-8280

Cinema	Movie	Times
1	WIMBLEDON	11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
2	RESIDENT EVIL 2	11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 6.40, 9.10
3	FENG SHUI	11:00, 1:00, 3.00, 5.00, 7:00, 9:00
4	THREE	12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:00
5	SKY CAPTAIN	11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
6	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS	11:20, 1:40, 4.00, 6:20, 8.30, 10:30
7	LADDER 49	10:10, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
8	SHARK TALE	10:50, 12:50, 2.50, 4.50, 6:50, 8.50, 10:30

NOVALICHES 935-3229 / 31

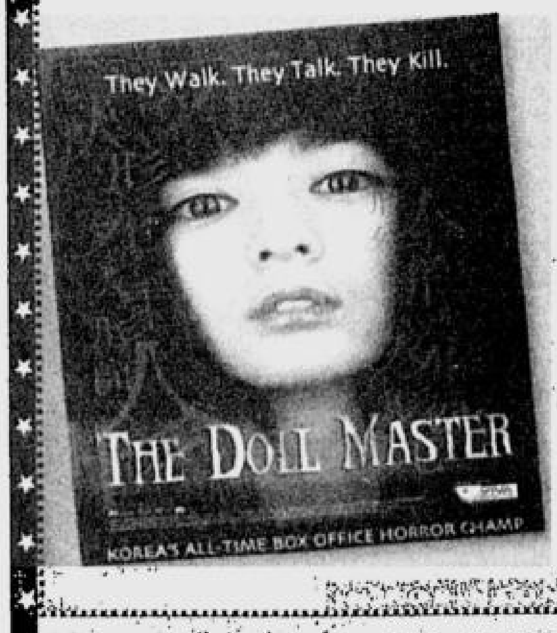
Cinema	Movie	Times
1	LADDER 49	11:00, 1:25, 3.50, 6:15, 8.40
2	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS	12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15
3	FENG SHUI	11:00, 1:20, 3.40, 6.00, 8:30
4	THE PUNISHER	1:00, 3 30, 6.00, 8 30
5	SHARK TALE	11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5.00, 7.00, 8:45
6	THREE	12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15
7	SKY CAPTAIN	10:15, 12:45, 3.15, 5.45, 8:20
8	RESIDENT EVIL 2	11:00, 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8.25

Citisquare MALABON 288-0985/2575

Cinema	Movie	Times
1	SHARK TALE	10:30, 12:30, 2 30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30
2	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS	11:10, 1.30, 3:50, 6:10, 8.30
3	THE PUNISHER	11:10, 1:30, 3.50, 6:10, 8.30
4	FENG SHUI	11:10, 1.30, 3.50, 6:10, 8:30

CAINTA 240-4661

Cinema	Movie	Times
1	SHARK TALE	10:30, 12 30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30
2	LADDER 49	11:20, 1.40, 4:00, 6:20, 8:40
3	THREE	11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 8:00
4	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS	11:00, 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20


They Walk. They Talk. They Kill.
THE DOLL MASTER
KOREA'S ALL-TIME BOX OFFICE HORROR CHAMP

VIVA

CINEMAS and WAVE 89.1

DOLL MASTER SEARCH

Dress Up Your Doll Contest & Exhibit
October 18 to 26, 2004

A contest to the best dressed doll shall be conducted. Entries shall be exhibited at Robinsons Movieworld Galleria cinema lobby.
For more info, pls. call the MARKETING SERVICES DEPT. @ 683-0161 / 636-2894 loc. 14 to 16

ADVANCE SCREENING

October 16, 2004 • 7:30PM
Robinson Movieworld Cinema 6

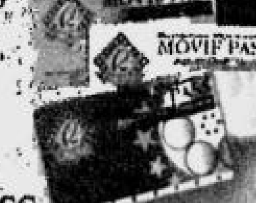
Tune in to Wave 89.1 and get a chance to win FREE movie invites.

*Awarding of winners for Doll Master Search - Dress Up Your Doll Contest shall be announced before the Movie.

OCTOBER 20

The Perfect Gift All Year Round

A Pre Paid Movie Pass to the Hottest Seats in town.



Get Special discounts for volume purchases!

Robinsons Movieworld Prepaid Pass

For inquiries please call: Marketing Services Department at 687-7945 to 47 loc. 14/15

MOVIES/SCHEDULES/PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

Call them bond, just bond

FOR YEARS, Bond girls bad and good have been celebrated for their sultry sex appeal, sophistication, intelligence and immense talent.

These four women are no exception. But while you won't find them getting intimate with James Bond or battling for world domination anytime soon, you will find them in Manila performing at the PICC Plenary Hall tomorrow.

Call them "bond." Not Bond, but just bond.

Their weapon of choice: two violins, a viola and cello. Their mode of seduction—classical music laced with a lethal dose of electro beats and world rhythms.

The girls are Eos Chatter on second violin, Gay-Yee Westerhoff on cello, Haylie Ecker on first violin and Tania Davis on viola. They are currently on whirlwind promotional tour around Europe, US and different parts of Asia to promote their latest album, "Classified."

The London-based quartet brings an eclectic mix of musical influences to "Classified." Classical arrangements are generously spiked with electronica, hip-hop, African beats, Latin groove and jazz.

Add to this a massive orchestral sound, courtesy of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra playing throughout the album, and you've got a potent sensory cocktail.

It was while playing with artists like the Spice Girls, Barry Manilow, Bryan Adams and the Cocteau Twins that Gay-Yee and Eos saw the potential of a classical pop group.

"Gay-Yee and I met doing session work since we used to do backing for bands," says Eos. "So we got to talking about the idea of doing a quartet that wasn't just backing, that was up front."

Soon, the two girls met with Haylie and Tania to form bond.

Since then, bond has released three albums in four years and nabbed the honor of being a string quartet with a best-selling album.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing for bond, especially when they first started. The release of their debut album, "Born," which also fused dance beats with string arrangements, was banned from UK's classical charts despite its success in the Billboard magazine's US classical crossover charts. Some classical music fans even went as far as lobbying to have "Born" deleted from the classical-record sales surveys.

Though classical purists may frown on their daring duds and unconventional sound, the girls are nonplussed. They are confident with their sound because they are just creating and playing music that they love.

"I love classical music and I really enjoy every other style of music as well, so this is ideal for me because it brings all those together," declares Westerhoff.

With millions of albums sold, a string of sold-out concerts and a booming fan base, it seems that more and more people are enjoying their music just as much as the women in the group do.

"People are blurring genres more than they used to," says Davis. "It's happening more and more. People just don't realize that they are hearing classical."

The girls of bond perform live at the PICC Plenary Hall tomorrow, Oct. 20.

"bond live in Manila" is presented by Smart Gold and Sunlife Financial together with Rado Switzerland, Montre Watch Shop, McDonalds, Gloria Jean's Coffee, The Manila Hotel and MCA Universal.

Tickets are available at Ticket World.

BEST-SELLER. bond is the world's only string quartet with a best-selling album

A4 FOR SHORT. (From left) Dyords Javier, Pinky Marquez, Isay Alvarez and Bimbo Cerrudo

The name changed, but not the music

SHOW TIME

FIRST, they called themselves the Angfourgettables. Then, they became simply called Ang4.

Today, they are known as A4.

Is the quartet of Dyords Javier, Pinky Marquez, Isay Alvarez and Bimbo Cerrudo reinventing itself?

"No big deal," says Dyords, who created the group after midnight 13 years ago by dialing Pinky. "We adopted A4 for brevity, easier recall. And no, we're not riding on the popularity of F4."

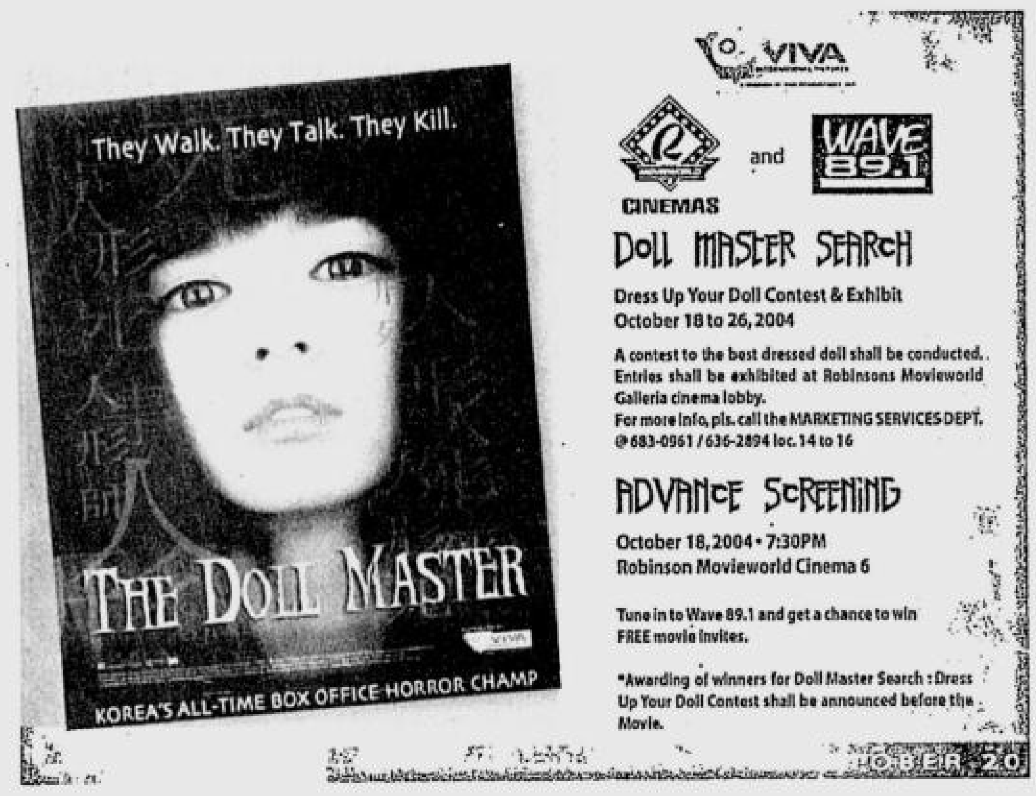
Why should they? The group has survived music trends and fads. It's made up of seasoned performers who have all made a name for themselves. They have performed in shows, big and small. They even served as ambassadors of goodwill through their shows for Filipino overseas workers in the Galing ng Pilipino world tour launched by then First Lady Ming Ramos.

They were the first Filipino entertainers to perform in Ras Lafan, Doha, Qatar, where 6,000 workers, 4,000 of them Filipinos, toiled in the middle of the desert, at the compound of the largest natural gas deposit in the world.

Another memorable show was in Pampanga, after Mt. Pinatubo covered most of the province with lahar.

Today, their music has not changed. Their repartee is as lively and spontaneous as ever. The jokes are still wholesome, the show unscripted for maximum effect. That's why entire families can watch their shows and corporate executives have gotten them again and again for special functions.

Catch A4 at the Dish, ELJ Building, ABS-CBN compound tonight and on Oct. 26, 9:30 p.m.


They Walk. They Talk. They Kill.
THE DOLL MASTER
KOREA'S ALL-TIME BOX OFFICE HORROR CHAMP
VIVA

VIVA

CINEMAS and WAVE 89.1

DOLL MASTER SEARCH

Dress Up Your Doll Contest & Exhibit
October 18 to 26, 2004

A contest to the best dressed doll shall be conducted. Entries shall be exhibited at Robinsons Movieworld Galleria cinema lobby.
For more info, pls. call the MARKETING SERVICES DEPT. @ 683-0961 / 636-2894 loc. 14 to 16

ADVANCE SCREENING

October 18, 2004 • 7:30PM
Robinson Movieworld Cinema 6

Tune in to Wave 89.1 and get a chance to win FREE movie invites.

*Awarding of winners for Doll Master Search : Dress Up Your Doll Contest shall be announced before the Movie.

MMTA
METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION
MOVIE GUIDE
NOW SHOWING

SHANG CINEPLEX
Telephone: 633.2227 / 633.7851 loc. 171
PREMIERE THEATRE
(DOLBY) SHARK TALE GP
1 (DOLBY) LADDER 49 PG-13
2 (DOLBY) SHARK TALE GP
3 (DOLBY) SKY CAPTAIN GP
4 (DOLBY) HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS PG-13

SUPER CINERAMA
isetann
CINERAMA COMPLEX RECTO
tel 733.4238
1. (DOLBY) SKY CAPTAIN
2. THREE
3. RESERVE
4. LADDER 49
5. HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS

Gotesco Grand Central
(Caloocan) tel 364.3781
1 RESERVE
2 RESERVE
3 RESERVE
4 (SDDS) RESERVE
5 RESERVE
6 (DOLBY) RESERVE
7 (DTS) RESERVE
8 RESERVE
9 RESERVE

Berma Cinema
(Baclaran) tel 879.2030 / 879.2029
1 MASARAP BA ANG BAWAL
2 LADDER 49

Lianas Cinema
(Alabang) tel 850.1276
1 (SDDS) MIND HUNTERS
2 KIRIDA
3 MASARAP BA ANG BAWAL
4 (DTS) THE EXORCIST: THE BEGINNING

Filinvest
FESTIVAL CINEMA
(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72
1 (DDS) WIMLEDON
2 (SDDS) PUNISHER
3 (DTS) THREE
4 GOLD (DTS) SHARK TALE
5 GOLD (DOLBY) HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS
6 GOLD (SDDS) LADDER 49
7 GOLD (DOLBY) SKY CAPTAIN
8 [illegible] FENG SHUI
9 [illegible] OPEN WATER
10 [illegible] RESIDENT EVIL

Masagana CINEMA
(Pasay) tel 833.3290 / 833.3274
1 SKY CAPTAIN
2 LADDER 49
3 HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS

MARKETPLACE
Mandaluyong
tel 533.3851 / 533.3856
1 LADDER 49
2 HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS
3 RESERVED
4 SEX SCANDAL

starmall Movies
www.clickthecity.com.ph
(Las Pinas) tel (047) 237.7007
1 (DOLBY) SECRETARY
2

EASTWOOD CINEMAS
(Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave (C-5) Quezon City)
tel 687.6963 or 72
1 (DOLBY) SHARK TALE
2 (DOLBY) LADDER 49
3 (DOLBY) SKY CAPTAIN
4 (DOLBY) HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS

THE CENTER OF ENTERTAINMENT
Araneta Center
ALI MALL CINEPLEX
Tel. 911-3101 loc. 8242 / 8281 / 8397
3 (Dolby) SKY CAPTAIN
4 (SDDS) LADDER 49
5 (DTS) FLYING DAGGERS
6 (Dolby) SHARK TALE
7 (Dolby) FENG SHUI

starmall Movies
www.clickthecity.com.ph
(Mandaluyong) tel 724.4986
1 RESERVE
2 RESERVE
3 SKY CAPTAIN
4 (DOLBY) HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS
5 LADDER 49

METROPOLIS star
www.clickthecity.com.ph
(Alabang) tel 850.4285
1 RESIDENT EVIL
2 PUNISHER
3 SKY CAPTAIN
4 FENG SHUI
5 (DOLBY) HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS
6 LADDER 49

MOVIES / SCHEDULES / PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE